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Michael Melski, from left, Rosanna Arquette, Katie Bowland and Steven Yaffe arrive on the red carpet at the Atlantic Film Festival opening gala in Halifax last night. Arquette stars in *Growing Op*, one of the 254 films — including 70 from Atlantic Canada — featured in the festival.

## Crown ups charges in assault case

**MANSLAUGHTER** Charges have been upgraded to manslaughter in relation to a Spryfield parking lot assault in June.

Colin Joseph Carter was having a verbal dispute with two acquaintances when one allegedly punched him, knocking him down.

Police found the 53-year-old man unconscious behind South Centre Mall just after 5:30 p.m. on June 2nd. He had a serious head injury and was taken to the hospital.

Carter died in hospital on July 14, more than a month later.

Donovan Patrick Hickey, 35, turned himself into police the night of the attack and was charged with assault.

Police say they upgraded the charge to assault after consulting with the medical examiner and crown prosecutor. Hickey's next court appearance is Oct. 8.

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# Aide suspended for gaffe

Tory employee disciplined after criticizing father of deceased N.S. soldier

The man who was the victim of a serious Conservative gaffe thinks the prime minister went too far when he suspended the party's communications director in an attempt to minimize the damage.

"I certainly wouldn't want to be the reason for anyone losing their job or anything like that," Bridgewater's Jim Davis said yesterday. Davis, 60, called on Stephen Harper to reconsider his decision to suspend party spokesperson Ryan Sparrow for the

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rest of the campaign.

Sparrow was suspended yesterday for suggesting that Davis, whose son Cpl. Paul Davis died in Afghanistan in 2006, criticized Harper's commitment to withdraw Canadian troops in 2011 because he is a Liberal supporter.

"Somebody in our war room sent out an inappropriate e-mail questioning

## Morning scrum

CTV reporter Tom Clark asked the prime minister about the comments at a morning scrum in Montreal. Within 15 min-

utes, he received an e-mail from Sparrow saying the father was a supporter of Liberal Michael Ignatieff.

the individual in question." Davis, who has been an outspoken supporter of the NATO mission, had appeared on CTV's Canada AM yesterday to voice his concerns about pulling out the troops too quickly.

His son died after his

light-armoured vehicle collided with a taxi and rolled over on March 2, 2006.

"I would never want to see another soldier go in harm's way so I can justify my son's death," Davis said during the interview. "But at the same time, if we pull up stakes and come home when we're not ready to — when the mission is not complete — if we did that then my son died in vain."

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## Navy divers pull body from lake

**LAKE MAJOR** Navy divers helped police pull a body from Lake Major on Wednesday.

Donald Holland, 61, was reported missing on Sept. 3, 2007 when he and brother-in-law David Gaudet didn't return from a fishing trip.

Both men are from Spryfield.

Gaudet's body was found in the lake soon after and no foul play was suspected.

A company hired by Holland's family used a side-scan sonar to locate the body. But the depth of the lake required divers to recover it.

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**Pink's not just for kids**

The Credit Union and the League Savings and Mortgage Company wore pink at work yesterday for Stand Up Against Bullying Day. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## Making speeches, kissing babies

Wearing a vote-getting smile, the prime minister will be in town today. Stephen Harper will speak in front of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce today at 7:15 a.m. Tickets are \$100 for non-members and the speech will be held at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Kids stand up in pink

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### It's hard to say who was the bigger hit with a sea of pink-clad kids: The premier or David Shepherd.

On the first Stand Up against Bullying Day Premier Rodney MacDonald and Education Minister Karen Casey spoke to students at John MacNeil school in Dartmouth.

But it was Shepherd, one of the two teenagers who are the inspiration behind the day, that really got the crowd going. He handed out pink bracelets to kids who could define bullying. "It doesn't matter if it's the colour of your skin, the wealth of your family, or any background you come

from, everyone deserves to be treated with respect, right?"

MacDonald explained the story behind the pink shirts and the special day: On the first day of school at Central Kings Rural high school, Shepherd and his friend Travis Price noticed a student being

### Education cash

- The premier announced yesterday he will hand out 10 awards every year worth \$2,000 each in Registered Education Saving Plan grants.
- Nomination forms will be available soon and the awards will be given out in June.

you right across Nova Scotia, across Canada and even into the United States heard about this powerful gesture and they started wearing pink as well," MacDonald said.

"David and Travis' story tells us how each of us can make a very big difference."

In an interview, Shepherd said he sees himself as a role model

and he's fine with that.

"Honestly, we were standing up for the kid that day and now we're standing up for the whole issue. We're standing up for kids all over Canada and all over the world."

Shepherd told the kids about his new website. He said if they want to talk to him or Price about bullying, they can e-mail through the site.

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**Siblings**  
Dominique, Left, Donne and Doug D'Arnall, sporting their pink outfits to support the anti bullying initiative. Students across the province were asked to wear pink.



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What's online today.

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## Pink campaign continues online

They're off to university but they won't be leaving the pink campaign behind.

David Shepherd and Travis Price graduated high school and are now off to university.

Price is in New Brunswick and Shepherd will be taking a heavy machinery operations course in February. He's also con-

sidering going into the RCMP.

But Shepherd said they will still be promoting their anti-bullying campaign and maintaining their web site.

"It's going to be tough I imagine, but it's a necessary thing and I'm going to make sure there's time for it," Shepherd said.

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David Shepherd talks with students at John MacNeil school in Dartmouth yesterday.

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## Poll says Tory numbers up in province, Liberal disagrees

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### Election 2008

The federal Conservatives are picking up steam in Nova Scotia, according to a new poll done last month by Corporate Research Associates.

The poll shows the ruling party up to 34 per cent, from 27 per cent in May 2008. The gains come mainly at the expense of the Liberals, who dropped nine percentage points to 29 per cent support.

Pollster Mike Savage, Don Mills said if this continues, the Tories could gain "a seat or two" in the province.

"It's a big positive change," Mills said. He chalked it up to the big cheque Ottawa handed Nova Scotia for the long-standing Crown share dispute early this summer, and Stephen Harper's popularity as a leader.

This province was not fertile ground for the Conservatives in the last election. Of its 11 federal seats, the Conservatives

hold just two - Gerald Keddy holds South Shore-St. Margarets, and Peter MacKay in Central Nova. Bill Casey was the third, but he was kicked out of the party for voting against his party over the Atlantic Accord.

The Liberals hold five seats. The NDP have two, including retiring Alexa McDonough.

The party has had to appoint candidates to run in four Nova Scotia ridings.

Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Liberal incumbent Mike Savage said he doesn't believe Mills' numbers.

"I don't think anybody thinks the Conservatives are going to do better in Nova Scotia. I think many people think they're going to have to struggle to keep what they have."

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# Youth movement

## 20-somethings getting involved in municipal politics

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**Age doesn't matter for most.**

But there are some in HRM who can't get their head around to voting for a councillor who could be the age of their child, or grandchild.

"Rarely, but it does happen at the door where they'll say, 'now James. Aren't you a little young (for this),' said 26-year-old James Stuewe, running for the council seat Halifax Downtown in next month's municipal election. "But to be perfectly honest, age comes up usually in a positive light. They'll say, 'isn't this great. We've got fresh faces.'"

There are several 20-somethings running for municipal council this year, just as there were in the last election in 2004. In Halifax Downtown, two people under 30 are trying to knock off incumbent Dawn Sloane.

The other is 23-year-old Jerome Downey, the grandson of former Halifax councillor Graham Downey.

"For me, I've always



James Stuewe, from left, Brian LeBlanc and Jerome Downey are all under 30 and running for council in next month's municipal election.

wanted to be a public servant. That's what I strived to do," said Downey, an account executive with a Halifax financial institution. "I also speak for a demographic that is underrepresented within the democratic process. So, among all those things, and with my heart and mindset where it was, it was a logical choice to take this step."

Logical yes, but as Andrew Younger can attest, not everyone rolls out the red carpet. Younger was a

few weeks shy of his 30th birthday when he began running as a first-time councillor four years ago in East Dartmouth-The Lakes. He won that election, and currently sits as the youngest member on HRM council.

"You have to let the response you get at some doors just roll off your back," advised Younger, who has already won his reelection bid by acclamation. "You will hear at some doors, 'it's good to see you

out, and I hope you win next time.'"

But the 20-somethings running for council aren't exactly new to politics. For example, 22-year-old Brian LeBlanc, running in Albro Lake-Harbourview, has six years of political experience, and has held positions on several community organizations.

"I believe young people should be involved in all sorts of ways," LeBlanc said. "It's not only in politics, but in the community at large."

### Candidates for HRM city council

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## Employer stands by Luke

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**POLITICS** Rosamond Luke's bosses are defending her character after the media revealed the former Halifax candidate who was handpicked by the Tories has two criminal convictions.

Luke, the executive director of All Women's Empowerment and Development Association, was convicted of uttering threats in July 2006, and breaching an undertaking in June 2007. The crimes were connected to her personal life.

AWEDA chair Brenda Saunders-Todd said given

**"We feel that these matters are completely irrelevant."**

Brenda Saunders-Todd

the fact that domestic disputes lead to Luke's convictions, the board is standing by her.

"Though the board understands and does not underestimate the seriousness of any criminal conviction, we feel that these matters are completely irrelevant to Ms. Luke's ability and qualifications to discharge her responsibilities as executive director of AWEDA," Saunders-Todd said in a press release.

In an interview, Saunders-Todd said the whole

process of appointing Luke to be Halifax Conservative candidate was "a little too rushed."

"Anything you do in haste, sometimes there's consequences and this is just an example of that," she said.

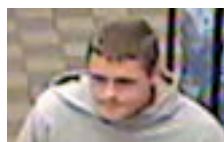
Regardless, she says Luke is taking it all in stride and plans to continue her community involvement. Luke is also a board member of Citizens for Halifax.

"It's not the first time she's had challenges to deal with," Saunders-Todd said.

## Police looking for info on robbery suspect

**CLAYTON PARK** Halifax Regional Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the man who used a knife to rob a Clayton Park gas station in July.

Just before 1:30 a.m. on July 13, the man approached the clerk inside the Ultramar gas station on Lacewood Drive and demanded money. He fled af-



Do you know this man?

ter receiving cash. Nobody was hurt.

The suspect is described

as a five-foot-nine white male, with a medium build, brown hair and an unshaven face. He was wearing a grey hoodie, black sweatpants and white sneakers.

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# Idol runner-up stays positive

Mitch MacDonald looking to take advantage of newfound fame

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From his reaction, you could have easily thought Mitch MacDonald was named the next Canadian Idol.

But no, the big fist-pump and smile from ear-to-ear was for his opponent, Theo Tams.

"I was prepared for it either way, and it's just important to show that support and be happy for whoever takes the crown," said the 22-year-old Port Hood musician. "I got faith that good things are going to happen to me, too. It's all good."

MacDonald and Tams, who is from Lethbridge, Alta., battled it out for the Idol title during Wednesday's two-hour finale, with Tams coming out on top. The winner was decided by a nationwide poll that saw over four million votes cast.

For MacDonald, the re-

**"I think it's important to keep the ball rolling. I'm going to come home in the next couple of weeks, let my body rest for a night or two, then start planning ... The goal is to put out an album within the next year."**

Mitch MacDonald

sult ended a summer to remember.

MacDonald spent over two months on Canada's most-watched TV show, growing as an artist and working alongside high-profile music legends like Bryan Adams and Anne Murray.

The national exposure has made MacDonald a household name from coast-to-coast, something

the carpenter by trade is now looking to take advantage of.

"I think it's most important to keep the ball rolling," said MacDonald, known for his unique voice, strong guitar playing and ability to connect with the audience. "I'm going to come home in the next couple of weeks, let my body rest for a night or two, then start planning. Start networking with all these people I've met."

"The goal is to put out an album within the next year."

The music stars certainly came out for Wednesday's finale. Hedley, John Legend, Jully Black and icon Mariah Carey were all on-hand to perform. Carey came over and met with the Idol finalists personally.

"She can be a diva at times, I have to say," MacDonald said, chuckling. "She was pretty mellow, though. She wished us all the best. She was cool."



Port Hood's Mitch MacDonald.

Idol top 3 to make a stop in Halifax

PHILIP CROUCHER  
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**TOUR** Mitch MacDonald will be a part of the Canadian Idol Top 3 tour, which will include a stop in Halifax on Nov. 12 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

MacDonald will tour across the country for six weeks in November and December with Idol winner Theo Tams and third-place finisher Drew Wright of Ontario.

Tickets are now on sale and cost \$60 and \$35.50.

"It's going to be a blast. I'm pretty psyched," MacDonald said. "It's any starting musicians dream to do a cross-country tour, so it's going to be a lot of fun."

The Idols will also be playing in Cape Breton at the Sydney Membertou Trade and Convention Centre on Nov. 14.

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# Alleged killer called 'calm'

The fourth day of Glen Race's murder trial focused on the Nova Scotia man's alleged activity in Texas in the days after Darcy Manor's death.

A convenience-store manager, taxi driver, money-exchange employee and bus-stop worker all identified Race as the "quiet" and "calm" man they spoke with shortly before Border Patrol officials nabbed him near the border.

Their testimony helped establish what prosecutors believe Race did in the hours before he was arrested, allegedly with Manor's credit card and a loaded rifle that was stolen from the Churubusco Lodge where the local volunteer firefighter was killed.

Aurella Zungia said she exchanged money for the "very nice" man, who looked "scruffy" and had curly hair.

She said Race initially wanted to exchange Canadian currency, but since she was unable to, he pulled out \$35 U.S. and was given 371 pesos.

"It was so little I couldn't



Glen Race enters court in Plattsburgh, N.Y., earlier this week.

figure out what he was going to do with it ... he wasn't going to get very far with it." It has never been publicly stated whether any money was recovered from Race at the time of his arrest. Zungia said Race "seemed fine" during their interaction, as did

convenience-store manager Ramiro Ramirez, who called him "normal."

The questions about Race's demeanor were likely prompted in anticipation of the defense's intended insanity argument.

Each of the witnesses said Race was carrying a

backpack and duffle bag when they saw him.

Based on the testimony, prosecutors believe Race took at least one taxi and one Greyhound bus ride trying to get to the border after his stolen truck got a flat tire outside of Houston. **THE PRESS-REPUBLICAN**

## Local Truro businesses helping animals in need

**DONATIONS** Local business owners are answering a desperate plea from the Colchester SPCA.

An article that appeared last week in the Truro Daily News stated the SPCA was facing a severe shortage of kitten food and supplies. Since reading the story, Liam Vance, co-owner of Lotto Land at the Truro Mall, has decided to lead the community in a two-month drive to benefit the local shelter.

Vance is encouraging the public to drop off donations of kitten food, money or kitten supplies to the lotto booth. As the donations arrive, Vance will deliver them to the SPCA. In return, ballots for prizes will be given to supporters of the initiative for a chance to win six prizes.

"I've always had pets all my life and I've gotten my pets from shelters," said Vance. "I wasn't aware of the problems the shelter was having ... I want people to help them because animals can't take care of themselves."

Craig MacDonald, co-owner of Lotto Land, has

impressive expectations.

"I'd like to get 1,000 kilograms of food within the two months," MacDonald said.

"The SPCA has enough problems let alone needing to get extra food ... and people will know exactly where their donation is going."

Yvonne Higgins, SPCA president, is thrilled with the fundraising effort as well as other recent community donations.

"It's a feeling of relief," she said. "We're overworked and overpopulated so every donation is a huge help."

The six-year-old shelter is built for 40 cats but has a population of 91 felines now.

The facility is also in the midst of fundraising to purchase cat cages. Three banks, each with about 12 cages, are still required. It costs at least \$500 per cage.

For upcoming fundraisers, call the shelter at 893-7968.

Donations can also be dropped off at the SPCA on Industrial Avenue.

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## Pub crawl organizer goes wild for Halifax

**VIDEO** From the guy who brought you the world's biggest pub crawl: Halifax Gone Wild.

Jonathan DeYoung sent out a statement yesterday saying he was organizing a Gone Wild event at Bub-

bles Mansion in Halifax last night.

Live video was streamed to [www.haliv.ca](http://www.haliv.ca) while camera crews worked the crowd and asked 'risque' questions.

He said it's based loosely

on the Girls Gone Wild video series which taped women exposing their breasts.

DeYoung, who did not return a request for an interview yesterday, said in the statement he's going to

avoid the legal entanglements the video series encountered.

He claims his videos will "always have an element of tastefulness while interviewing both girls and guys." **METRO HALIFAX**

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**N.S. RCMP get new boss**

The Mounties will have a new boss in Nova Scotia. RCMP are having a change of command ceremony today at the Armoury in Halifax. Assistant Commissioner Steve Graham will take command of H Division. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Council a family affair

## Son of CBRM mayor running for seat in District 12

**There is one candidate seeking election in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality that Mayor John Morgan is unabashedly supporting — his son, Mark Zinck.**

Zinck is seeking to win District 12 in the province's second-largest municipality, which is also the home district of his dad.

"Yes, he is my son," said Morgan, when contacted Wednesday, adding he's rather excited about the prospect of them both serving on regional council.

The admission that the mayor has a son may come as a surprise to some as neither father or son have publicly declared their relation-

ship so far during the campaign.

"There is a complex history which I would rather not discuss. We share different last names but we have a great relationship and talk

each and every day," said Morgan, who is up for re-election in the Oct. 18 municipal vote.

"I'm pretty excited about what could happen."

Zinck said Wednesday that he would prefer not to discuss the precise details of his past, noting there are others involved — including his adoptive parents — and he would like to respect their privacy.

"We have never denied our relationship and many in the community already knew," said Zinck, adding it is a deeply personal issue.

Both father and son deflected any criticism that they would be voting together on issues simply to show each other support.

Morgan noted that two incumbent councillors — brothers Jim and Gordon MacLeod — have both been on council and don't always vote together in a block. There could be two more brothers elected to council this time as Kevin Saccary was acclaimed while his

brother Cecil is running in District 3.

"I am an independent thinker," said Zinck, adding any suggestion otherwise is simply untrue.

Zinck has is facing an uphill battle in District 12 where he is taking on long-time councillor and incumbent Claire Detheridge, along with newcomers Wes Murphy and Ebrima (Ebou) Secka.

Morgan is facing off against former candidates Don Bacich and Alan Nathanson.

Morgan is married to Alana (Hillgrove) Morgan, and they have a nine-year-old daughter, Tarah Lee.

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## Cole Harbour Late summer fun



Larry Dawson, plays with Brandy, as they enjoy a fine summer's day at the Heritage Farm Museum in Cole Harbour, yesterday.

## More than half of fired school board back by acclamation

**EDUCATION** Many familiar faces will return when the next members of the Strait Regional School Board are sworn in, as six of those fired by Education Minister Karen Casey for infighting have been acclaimed.

In disbanding the board, Casey said the disagreements and lack of respect between members caused them to focus more on their differences rather than on students in the area.

The board's responsibilities were placed in the hands of John Sears, a former university vice-president designated by Casey to look after finances and human resources.

Among the returning

members will be George Kehoe (west Richmond), Francine Boudreau (east Richmond), Gerald MacDonald (central Inverness), Kim Horton (west Guysborough) and Rosalee Parker (east Guysborough).

## News in brief

**ACQUITTED** The acquittal of a Nova Scotia teen was restored by the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday. The learning-disabled teen was charged with dangerous driving during a police chase in the Halifax area in

2004. It ended when his car caught fire. Media reports say it was a 7-0 decision that the boy wasn't properly informed of his rights to keep silent and contact a lawyer or representative. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Truro's \$12M debt load raises concern

**Truro's outstanding debt is about \$12 million, town staff told council this week.**

The question arose Monday when the town was asked for \$800,000 more

for the new Colchester regional hospital, bringing its total commitment to \$4.1 million.

"Are we getting nailed to the ground here pretty soon?" Coun. Sharron Byers asked during the discussion.

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ers asked during the discussion. She said with money ear-

marked for the hospital, plus potential capital projects such as a new library

and work to the old Normal College as well as ongoing infrastructure improvements financing is key moving forward.

"Are we getting to close ... to our capacity as to our

debt load?" she asked.

The town's outstanding debt as of the end of March was \$9.126 million plus \$3.096 million for its share of green projects with the Municipality of Colchester, for items like the landfill site in Kempton. The town has an annual budget of about \$20 million.

Chief administrative officer Jim Langille said the town is in a relatively "high level" of debt load using the province's formula.

"It's a percentage of our total revenue that goes to debt servicing is the ratio that we're concerned about," Langille said. "It's not as low as we would like it to be, but the positive side is each year we're reducing our debt load."

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## Tory house leader stops by Digby

**POLITICS** Conservative house leader Peter Van Loan paid a courtesy call to Digby Wednesday on his three-day pre-election tour of the Maritimes.

Introduced by West Nova's PC candidate, Gregg Kerr, Van Loan said he was in town to listen to the issues and concerns of Digby people. Mike Gushue of the Digby Annapolis Economic Development Agency told Van Loan that southwest Nova Scotia is strategically located close to the north-eastern United States.

Those states are a market for fish and forestry products — as long as there is transportation infrastructure providing a direct link.

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## Big response to business awards

**VOTING** The votes are in and by all counts the third annual Burnside News Business of the Year Awards are the most successful yet. Record numbers of voters cast a ballot, both online and through various participating businesses throughout the Park. The end results produced very clear leaders in each. There are four categories this year: Hospitality, with under 10 employees; Hospitality, with 10 or more employees; Retail; and Industrial. The winners will be announced on September 11 at the Rodeo Lounge during a special luncheon to honour this year's businesses of the year.

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**Police must tailor approach to youth**

Police interrogators must tailor their approach to each young offender when explaining their rights, by taking into account factors that may affect their understanding such as learning disabilities, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada

**"I decided to take a stance that clearly reflects my convictions"**

Montreal's archbishop Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, right, speaking about his decision to renounce his Order of Canada.



## Abortion

Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte is protesting abortion rights crusader Henry Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Outbreak tests 'inexcusable'

Doctor bashes long delays

When the first hints of a **listeria outbreak emerged from a Toronto nursing home in mid-July, it took more than three weeks for health officials to get test results from labs in Ottawa and Winnipeg.**



**"It is inexcusable to wait that number of days in order to get an answer back."**

Dr. Don Low

That is far too long, microbiology experts now concede, delaying the response of public health officials and allowing the spread of disease to continue. And it's much longer than U.S. officials take to identify food-borne health risks and tell the public.

"It is inexcusable to wait that number of days in order to get an answer back," says Dr. Don Low, medical director of Ontario's

provincial lab in Toronto which was unequipped to handle such testing five years after the SARS outbreak. "The (Ontario) public health lab should be doing it. That has to change."

Samples are sent to a Health Canada lab in Ottawa, then to Winnipeg's national microbiology causing delays in an outbreak investigation.

To date — 14 in Ontario — have died from the listeria outbreak linked to processed meats, and five other deaths are under investigation. In total, 43 listeriosis cases have been linked to the outbreak.

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## Calgary Egg toss



Gabriel Didiano, first year architect student from the University of Calgary, drops a specially designed egg holder from 4 floors up during the Faculty of Environmental Design's annual Egg Drop contest.

## Couple marries at KFC to celebrate PETA union

**HEALTH** Two animal-rights activists got married yesterday at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

After saying vows among cooked-fowl smells at a congested Queen St. W. lunch counter, bride Alex Bury and groom Jack Norris served a new KFC vegetarian sandwich to celebrate the global fast-food chain getting into bed with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

"I would love to see the whole world go vegan tomorrow, but that's not going to happen," said the bride, dressed in a long-train white gown of cotton and polyester, but no silk-worm silk.

"(This agreement) is going to cause so much less suffering for animals," Bury said.

In June, U.S.-based PETA agreed to drop its five-year "Kentucky Fried Cruelty" campaign in Canada. In ex-



Vegan PETA member Alex Bury and her new husband Jack Norris

**"(This agreement) is going to cause so much less suffering for animals"**

Alex Bury

change, the Canadian branch committed itself to higher bird-care standards and the introduction last week of the tofu chicken-tasting sandwich at nearly 500 of its 785 Canadian outlets.

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## Taser report calls for national laws

**POLICIES** The RCMP did not do "due diligence" when it approved the Taser stun gun for use as a less-than-lethal weapon by its officers, a hard-hitting independent review concludes.

The report was ordered up by RCMP commissioner Bill Elliott following the uproar over the death last October of a Polish immigrant shot by a Taser weapon by RCMP at the Vancouver airport.

Submitted in June to Elliott but not made public, the review says the RCMP relied too much on the ad-

### report slam excited delirium term

The report, obtained yesterday under Access to Information, slams the use by policy officers of the term "excited

delirium" to describe combative, resistant suspects, saying it is an excuse to justify firing the stun gun's charge.

vice of the Taser's American manufacturer in developing its policies and did not consult widely enough with medical and mental health experts about its impact on people.

The report urges the federal government to set national standards for Taser

use by all police forces. It also said while medical literature does not establish a "sufficient causal link" between a Taser shock and death, "there is considerable information" showing many factors that could relate to "risk of harm."

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### News in brief

**VISA FIGHT** Eritrea yesterday condemned Canada's refusal to grant its foreign minister a visa on the grounds that he took part in the Red Sea state's 30-year war for independence from Ethiopia. The conflict which led to independence in 1991 has taken on mythic proportions for many Eritreans. The government also posted a letter from Canada's embassy in Kenya, which said Osman Saleh's involvement in the 1961-1991 war with Addis Ababa had prevented him from getting a visa.

REUTERS

## Fee lawsuit moves ahead

**IMMIGRATION** The Federal Court has cleared the final hurdle for a class-action lawsuit against Citizenship and Immigration Canada for allegedly profiting from the visa application processing fees for 2 million migrants and visitors. In a decision released late Wednesday, the court allowed the case to proceed and also include visa applicants who were charged fees for 43 types of immigration visas — from temporary resident visas

### recovering fees

The action was initiated two years ago and seeks to recover \$700 million the government received from some 100 million visas issued between 1994 and 2005.

for students and foreign workers to permanent ones issued to skilled landed immigrants, spouses and families.

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# Rooted in charity

Alberta premier praises volunteer organizations

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**Premier Ed Stelmach fell off of a children's slide, breaking his left femur, putting him in traction for nearly three months.**

His time in the hospital, which forced him to become ambidextrous in everything but golf, left a lasting impression.

Stelmach's never forgotten the work of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, who taught him to read and write through the first half of Grade 1 or the economic hard-times Alberta went through back then.

From addictions to abuse in the home, the premier of Canada's most economically strong province said there are Alberta families strug-

**"Voluntary organizations identify need much better than a government."**

Ed Stelmach

gling to get by and charity organizations can address their troubles much better than his government can.

"Voluntary organizations identify need much better than a government can and they also deliver those services much more effectively and efficiently," Stelmach told Metro exclusively yesterday just before teeing off on his second annual Ed's Swing for Charity at McKenzie Meadows Golf Club, benefiting High-Fidelity Wraparound and Neighbourlink.

## Terry Fox Run Legend's inspiration lives on



John Hooper's statue of Terry Fox is pictured against the Peace Tower in Ottawa yesterday. Thousands of people are expected to participate in 28th annual Terry Fox Run events to be held across Canada on the weekend.

## Six-year sentence for 'night of torture'

A Brampton, Ont., man has been given a six-year prison sentence for subjecting a college student to what a judge described as a terrifying "night of torture."

Roman Stehniy, 36, led the nightmarish persecution of a bound Milin Janic, 26, in the basement of his home for

more than five hours — cutting off a baby toe, striking him with a baseball bat and threatening to set fire to him.

Stehniy, the married father of a young child, believed the young man had stolen a large quantity of cannabis from his ware-

house.

"The facts of this case are that you carried out a night of torture purely for commercial gain," Justice Gord Lemmon said yesterday.

A jury acquitted Stehniy of attempted murder during a five-day trial in Brampton in July.

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## Worker injured after falling in hole

**CONSTRUCTION** An Ottawa construction worker suffered lower back injuries after falling backwards into a three-metre deep excavation yesterday — the second work site accident in Ottawa this week.

"There was a covering over the hole and he made a misstep and fell into the hole," Ottawa Fire Chief Jim Corrigan said of the 8:30 a.m. call that brought city firefighters and paramedics to New Orchard Drive, north of Richmond Road near the Lincoln Heights Shopping Centre.

Firefighters performed a technical rope rescue to extract the 34-year-old man, Corrigan said.

"He had lower back injuries. Our technical rescue teams were called and brought him out of the hole."

The victim was turned over to paramedics, who transported the man to hospital. The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

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## Poll puts Tories on top

A Nanos Research poll yesterday said voters backed the Conservatives at 37 per cent; the Liberals at 32 per cent; and the NDP at 13 per cent. Nanos interviewed 978 decided voters, a sample size that carries a 3.1-point margin of error.

REUTERS

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## Election 2008

## Liberals

## N.B. premier backs Dion

**ENDORSEMENT** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion received the backing of New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham yesterday, though the Liberal premier's endorsement of Dion's Green Shift plan was more nuanced.

Graham endorsed Dion, saying, "I feel a kinship to Stéphane Dion — I know what it's like to be underestimated."

Graham was often accused of being a weak and ineffective leader of the provincial Liberals before he defeated former Conservative premier Bernard Lord in 2006.

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Stéphane Dion



Prime Minister Stephen Harper leaves a campaign rally yesterday at a vineyard in St-Eustache, Que.

## Tax threatens unity: Harper

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper has revived Canada's unity debate with a stark warning that the Liberals' proposed carbon tax would plunge the country into a "big recession," creating economic turmoil that would give life to Quebec's separatist movement.**

"By undermining the economy and re-centralizing money and power in Ottawa, it can only undermine the progress that we have been making on national unity," Harper told a Montreal audience of young business leaders.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion quickly rejected the incendiary charge yesterday, firing back with the claim that while he was

fighting to keep the country intact, Harper was fuelling regional divisions.

"While he was busy talking about building firewalls in the West, I was fighting to keep my country together. Because I love Canada," said Dion, who in 1999 helped craft legislation designed to ensure separatists could not break up the country on the basis of a loosely worded referendum question.

The "firewall" reference stems from a letter written by Harper when he was president of the National Citizens' Coalition calling on Alberta to assume greater powers in order to shelter it from punitive measures from Ottawa.

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## NDP

## Layton plans cap-and-trade

**ENVIRONMENT** The New Democratic Party would implement a cap-and-trade system to cut 80 per cent of greenhouse gases by 2050 by punishing big polluters, leader Jack Layton said.

The NDP plan for the environment would also put a halt to any further tarsand development in Alberta because "it is the largest environmental challenge facing Canada," Layton told a rally yesterday in the heart of Montreal.

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Jack Layton

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## Halifax

The ruling party was left scrambling this week when Tory hopeful Rosamond Luke — fined in 2006 for uttering threats — withdrew in a hurry. Interested in running in this N-dipper stronghold? Prime Minister Stephen Harper comes to Halifax this morning, so bring your resume — and your clean criminal record. Green giant Elizabeth May, campaigning against Bluenose political heavyweight Peter MacKay, celebrated her invite to the federal leaders' debate in Pictou. Will those national headlines help her win her uphill battle in Central Nova? Only time will tell.

## Montreal

Every election, it's the same story. Does the Bloc and its leader, Gilles Duceppe, have a

place in Ottawa? This time, the attacks weren't coming from the other parties, but from the separatist family. Ex-Parti Québécois minister Jacques Brassard said Wednesday that the Bloc leans too much to the left, that the party wasn't talking enough about sovereignty and that it was becoming a clone of the NDP. "The Bloc is there to defend the ideas and requests of Quebecers, regardless of the left and right ideologies," Duceppe said.

## Ottawa

The major parties used Ottawa as a launch pad for the 2008 federal election race. Travel plans were at the fore as Prime Minister Stephen Harper boarded a plane for Quebec City and later jetted to Vancouver. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion wasn't travel-

ling first class to open the campaign as the party waited too long to procure a plane. Eventually, the Liberals were able to find a 30-year-old Boeing 737, but not before Dion boarded a bus to visit Ottawa South. NDP Leader Jack Layton opened his campaign against the backdrop of Parliament Hill by announcing he wanted to take Harper's portfolio as prime minister. He then flew to Calgary to campaign in the prime minister's riding. Green Leader Elizabeth May's visit to the Ottawa Mission formed the basis for her policy on eliminating poverty.

## Toronto

Jobs and money. Money and jobs. They are what makes a political campaign go round. Both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion got an earful

during the opening week on the hustings in the GTA. Mississauga, Ont., Mayor "Hurricane" Hazel McCallion lashed out at both leaders, demanding they do more to help with infrastructure in Canadian cities. On the job front, Harper said, "We can't guarantee your jobs," when asked about 500 more job cuts at the Ford Oakville, Ont., assembly plant.

## Calgary

It has been a fairly quiet week on Calgary's federal election front as a majority of the city's comfortable Conservative MPs left town to lend a hand in other ridings across the country with much more at stake. On Tuesday, though, University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper said the environment had supplanted health care as Canadians' top

issue and called them both "bogus" issues.

## Edmonton

The stranglehold the federal Conservatives have on Alberta means few visits from national leaders but Edmonton did have a close encounter with one of the party honchos this week. NDP Leader Jack Layton was in the 780 area code briefly on Monday as his campaign plane flew past the Alberta capital headed for the Northwest Territories. Layton did get a little closer to Fort McMurray, Alta., though, as his NDP plane dipped to 1,500 metres to view the effect giant oilsands developments have had on the northern landscape.

## Vancouver

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Lay-

ton both visited Vancouver on Monday, the first full day of campaigning — strong evidence that the key to 24 Sussex Drive may lie in B.C. In a carefully staged effort to woo middle-class and ethnic voters, Harper spoke to reporters from the home of Richmond, B.C., resident Edwin Huang. He fed Cheerios to Huang's infant son and touted the Tories' \$1,200 a year taxable benefit to parents of young children. Later in the day, Layton told about 250 supporters in MP David Emerson's riding that an NDP government would ban MPs from floor-crossing like Emerson did. Outside, a small but vocal group of young Liberals shouted tirelessly that "a vote for the NDP is a vote for Harper" leading to a Wild West-style shoutdown with Layton supporters.

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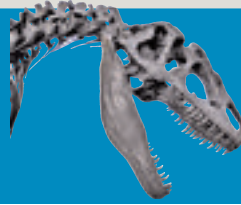
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A major fire aboard a freight train damaged the undersea Channel Tunnel yesterday halting all rail traffic between Britain and continental Europe, the tunnel operator said. The blaze turned one of the two main tunnel shafts into a smoking inferno. No one was killed, but six people fell ill. **REUTERS**

# World



## Dinos got lucky, scientists say

Thanks to a stroke of luck 200 million years ago, dinosaurs beat out ancestors of present-day crocodiles, called *crurotarsans*, for the right to rule Earth. The *crurotarsans* had a larger overall range of body types and diets, but some planetary calamity 200 million years ago — climate change or a large meteorite impact — nearly wiped out the *crurotarsans* while sparing the dinos. **REUTERS**

## 'Doomed airliner' remembered

In a somber ceremony at the Pentagon, U.S. president George W. Bush yesterday dedicated the first major Sept. 11 memorial on the seventh anniversary of the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

"Seven years ago at this hour a doomed airliner plunged from the sky, split the rock and steel of this building and changed our world forever," Bush said. "The years that followed have seen justice delivered to evil men in battles fought in distant lands."

Military members in dress uniform unveiled the 184 granite-and-steel benches in the memorial park that represent each of the victims killed in the Pentagon attack.

The ceremony was the last time that Bush, who steps down in January, will lead the nation in recalling the attacks that prompted him to declare a global war on terrorism that has defined his presidency.

"Since 9/11, our troops have taken the fight to the terrorists abroad so we do not have to face them here at home," said Bush, joined



Cazzandra Peterson tosses a rose into the reflecting pool in Ground Zero during the Seventh Anniversary September 11 Commemoration Ceremony in New York yesterday.

by former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who was in the Pentagon during the attack.

The memorial, by New York designers Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman, also features maple trees and light pools in a park of gravel. The benches are

### Obama, McCain meet for memorial

• Presidential rivals John McCain and Barack Obama suspended their skirmishing in honor of the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, taking campaign ads off the air and making a rare appearance together in New York.

arranged according to the victims' ages.

The attack on the Pentagon took place at 9:37 a.m.,

when American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington's Dulles International Airport smashed into the U.S. military headquarters.

The crash killed 125 people in the Pentagon, along with the plane's 59 passengers and crew and the five hijackers. **REUTERS**

## Bush approved ground strikes in Pakistan: NYT

**AFGHANISTAN** Afghan President Hamid Karzai backed a proposed U.S. strategy Thursday to hit al Qaeda and Taliban militants in neighboring Pakistan, but NATO said it would not join any cross-border raids.

Pakistan's army chief General Ashfaq Kayani has said his country would not allow foreign troops to conduct operations on its soil, warning that Pakistan's sovereignty would be defended "at all cost."

But The New York Times reported that U.S. president George Bush secretly approved orders in July allowing U.S. special forces to carry out ground assaults inside Pakistan without approval from the Pakistani government, reflecting an American view that Pakistan lacks the will and ability to combat militants.

Helicopter-borne U.S. commandos carried out a ground assault in Pakistan's South Waziristan, a sanctuary for al Qaeda operatives, last week, killing 20 civilians.

### News in brief

**ISRAEL** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Thursday he would resign immediately after his Kadima party chooses a new leader in an election scheduled for next week. Israeli police on Sunday recommended Olmert face criminal charges, saying they had evidence he illegally received money from a U.S. man and made duplicate claims for travel expenses when he served as mayor of Jerusalem and trade and industry minister.

**FLORIDA** If you live in Miami, consider yourself among the most attractive people in the United States. The Sunshine State city has the most beautiful people, according to a survey of "America's Favorite Cities" by Travel + Leisure magazine, while Philadelphia came in last at No. 25, though a tourism official said the city was happy to break the top 25. The online survey of 125,000 people ranked 25 U.S. cities in 45 categories ranging from most affordable to friendliest people. Los Angeles residents may have a problem with being ranked last in the friendliest and most intelligent people categories. **REUTERS**

## Brazil Hometown patrols



Residents walk past soldiers at Esperanca Slum in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. Army troops guarantee the safety of candidates for mayor and city council as the Oct. 3 election draws near.

## New NASA space shuttle passes design review

**SPACE** NASA cleared the launch system being developed to replace the space shuttle for a detailed design review yesterday, confident the Ares rocket will meet technical, safety and budget requirements.

The new rockets are being designed to carry a capsule-style spacecraft called Orion, which can fly to the moon as well as to the space station in low-Earth orbit.

The U.S. space agency ex-

pects to spend \$3 billion to keep the program on track for a debut launch in 2015.

Ares is the first new human-rated rocket NASA has designed since the space shuttle debuted in 1981. **REUTERS**

## Republican stars take a shine to Palin

**ELECTION** Sarah Palin represents many things Hollywood liberals love to hate, yet she possesses two key qualities they admire — star appeal and a great script.

Hollywood Republicans — often overshadowed by their left-leaning peers — are seeking to capitalize on the celebrity of John McCain's running mate in the Nov. 4 election.

"She's certainly got star appeal and is the kind of candidate that is made for Hollywood. I offered to throw her a fundraiser myself," said MGM chief Harry Sloan, one of Hollywood's most vocal Republicans.

Palin's campaign managers were inundated with similar requests from all over the country after her national debut at the Republican National Convention on Sept. 3. Various Hollywood executives said they

heard the Arizona senator and Alaska governor would be swinging through California later this month or early next month.

Democratic nominee Barack Obama, by the end of July, had raised \$5.2 million from the entertainment industry, compared with McCain's \$885,000, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

"It's like 10 to one here in terms of performing artists who support Obama versus McCain. There are a significant group of Republican supporters in Hollywood, but they're just not as outspoken," said analyst Allan Hoffenblum.

Filmmakers, producers and executives are fascinated by the story of McCain's running mate, including her "hockey mom" persona and passion for hunting, analysts say. **REUTERS**



**Where have all the flamingos gone?**

Most of southern Bahamian island of Great Inagua's 60,000 flamingos took off before Ike arrived and have not been seen since, say the island's national parks officials. **REUTERS**

# Chavez alleges assassination plot

**INTERROGATION** Venezuela yesterday interrogated military officers named in recordings of an apparent plan to kill President Hugo Chavez, in what may be the firmest evidence in years of a barracks plot to oust him.

Ministers and legislators rallied to denounce the alleged plan with a flurry of news conferences. Chavez, a former paratrooper believed to have a tight grip on the army, talks frequently of plots against him but rarely produces evidence.

During a live broadcast shown on all television stations, Chavez played audio recordings he said were of retired officers discussing their infiltration of military bases and ways to kill the president. The recordings first appeared on a Venezuelan television program late Wednesday.

On one tape, a voice ascribed to retired air force Gen. Eduardo Baez calls for a united effort to remove Chavez from the Miraflores presidential palace.

"If he's in (the palace), all our efforts must be there," the voice says. "When he arrives from a trip, either blow him up, capture him with airborne

planes, or with troops when he arrives."

Chavez was ousted briefly in a coup six years ago but massive street protests put him back in office. He is popular with soldiers for spending more on equipment, but some are dubious of his bid to bring socialism to the armed forces.

He regularly accuses Washington of plotting his overthrow and this week let Russian bombers land in Venezuela as part of a drive to weaken U.S. influence in Latin America.

"This is not isolated, this is part of an international context," he said of the alleged plot against him.

**"When he arrives from a trip, blow him up, capture him with airborne planes, or with troops when he arrives."**

Voice on tape alleged to be Gen. Eduardo Baez

"Behind these retired soldiers is the desperate political opposition, behind (them) is the North American empire." Washington, which initially welcomed the 2002 coup against him, firmly denies trying to remove Chavez from power through undemocratic means.

In the recordings, the men talk about how they won over commanders in some military bases to their plot. It was not clear how advanced the suspected plan was or if it had much support.

The government did not

reveal how old the recordings were.

The defense minister said officers were being questioned.

Venezuela has a history of military conspiracies, with Chavez himself trying to take power in a 1992 failed coup.

Chavez is particularly wary of coups and assassination attempts and often travels with a heavy contingent of bodyguards.

He is believed to wear bulletproof clothing.

**REUTERS**

## Pakistan President mourns father



Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, widower of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, scatters rose petals at the grave of his father-in-law Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in Garhi Khuda Bakhsh near Larkana Sept. 11, 2008. Asif Ali Zardari was sworn in as president on Tuesday, in what allies and investors hoped was a step toward stability after months of uncertainty.

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## U.S. offshore drilling proposal could come to vote next week

**ENERGY** The U.S. House of Representatives could vote next week on energy legislation that would open nearly all of the U.S. coastline to offshore drilling while repealing some tax breaks for oil companies, Democratic leaders said yesterday.

Democrats had said they hoped to hold a vote on the energy package this week, but the House will be closed on Friday so Texas lawmakers can re-

turn to their districts to prepare as Hurricane Ike approaches.

The package proposed by Democrats would give states the option to allow drilling between 50 and 100 miles off their shores. Areas further than 100 miles from the coast would be completely open to oil exploration.

Democrats previously had opposed drilling on the outer continental shelf.

**REUTERS**

### News in brief

**EXPULSED** The United States has decided to expel the Bolivian ambassador, the State Department said Thursday. It was a swift U.S. reaction to La Paz's move a day earlier to oust the U.S. envoy.

**REUTERS**

**ZIMBABWE** President Robert Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai agreed to share power on Thursday in a deal to end Zimbabwe's political crisis, both sides said.

**REUTERS**

Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin said farewell Thursday to 4,000 U.S. troops heading to Iraq, including her 20-year-old son, and assured them that victory was in sight. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**IRAQ FLOODS** Floods killed at least three people, damaged or ruined 100 homes and washed away two bridges in a remote part of northern Iraq's Kurdistan region, the local council chief said yesterday.

The flooding late on Wednesday also left roads impassable, cutting it off from aid, said Abdul Wahid Gwani, chief of the affected Choman district. The body of a farmer, his wife and daughter were found, but another man was missing. Several small hydroelectric generators along near the Iranian border were destroyed. **REUTERS**

## Drug trial underway

**HEROIN** An accused Afghan drug kingpin on trial in New York for conspiring to import more than \$50 million worth of heroin was portrayed by prosecutors yesterday as a warlord who helped the Taliban come to power.

But defense lawyers countered that Bashir Noorzai, 47, was an Afghan patriot who agreed to cooperate with the U.S. in the hopes of ensuring the country's stability only to be duped by

U.S. authorities who arrested him.

"He brought (his) enormous power to the United States and said, 'It's yours,'" his lawyer Ivan Fisher told jurors in opening arguments at Manhattan federal court. "The government decided instead to arrest him and prosecute him."

Noorzai was arrested in April 2005 after President Bush identified him as one of the world's most wanted drug traffickers.

Prosecutors allege Noorzai gave the Taliban explosives and weapons in return for protection of his opium crops.

They said Noorzai controlled fields where poppies were grown and harvested to make opium, and his organization used laboratories in Afghanistan and Pakistan to process the opium into heroin and arranged for it to be transported to the United States and Europe. **REUTERS**

## Amazon natives threatened by advancing loggers

Isolated native Indians in the Amazon forest of Brazil and Peru remain threatened by advancing loggers despite growing international attention to their plight, a Brazilian official said yesterday.

Brazil's Acre state along the border with Peru is one of the world's last refuges for such groups, but increasing activity by wildcat miners and loggers puts them at risk. Dramatic pictures of pigment-covered In-

## numbers

- Brazil has 26 confirmed native Indian tribes that live with little or no contact with the outside world. There are unconfirmed reports of an additional 35 such groups.

dians from the region threatening a photographer's aircraft with bows and arrows were carried in May by media worldwide. **REUTERS**



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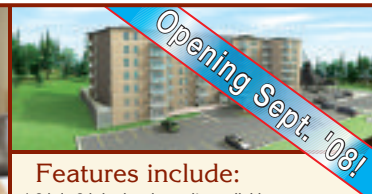
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## Business in brief

**ATHLETICS** Lululemon Athletica Inc. defied a tough retail market and reported a sharp jump in quarterly profit yesterday, crediting an expansion of its chain of yoga-inspired

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cent year-over-year in July, slower than the 3.5 per cent June increase.

Prices rose the fastest in Regina, where the cost of a new house skyrocketed 29.6 per cent, though that was down from a 34 per cent April record increase.

Builders in Newfoundland and Labrador say material and labour costs, as well as higher land development costs, contributed to the fourth consecutive record price increase there of 24.3 per cent.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## CAW questions timing of GM deal

**POLITICS** CAW officials said yesterday the federal Conservatives steered General Motors into a late deal and disclosure of a major investment hoping to boost its election fortunes in southern Ontario.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## July trade numbers weak

**ECONOMY** Canada's trade surplus narrowed more than expected in July to \$4.85 billion, said Statistics Canada, helping set the stage for weak eco-

nomie growth numbers.

Imports grew twice as fast as exports, and energy exports fell for the first time in nine months.

REUTERS

## Rome Airline workers protest



TONY GENTILE/REUTERS

A union member of Italian airline Alitalia holds a noose around his neck during a protest in Rome as an Italian investor group leading a bailout of Alitalia began make-or-break talks with the bankrupt carrier's powerful unions.

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## Habs to retire Roy's number 33

Patrick Roy will have his number 33 retired by the Montreal Canadiens, the team announced yesterday, ending a bitter falling out between the Hall of Fame netminder and one of the NHL's most storied franchises. Roy played 11 seasons in Montreal, leading the Canadiens to two Stanley Cups in 1986 and 1993. **REUTERS**

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## Sports

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## Staal inks \$57.75M extension

The Carolina Hurricanes signed centre Eric Staal, left, to a seven-year, \$57.75 million dollar contract extension yesterday. The deal begins with the 2009-10 NHL season and extends through the 2015-16 season, paying Staal an average of \$8.25 million per season. A two-time All-Star, the 23-year-old Staal tallied 38 goals and 82 points last season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Ex-player disses CFL

Ayanbadejo compares league to junior-college football

## YorkReport



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Many here in Canada tend to take the CFL seriously, but just how seriously do its players take it?

**Brendon Ayanbadejo**, a linebacker who spent two seasons earlier this decade with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Toronto Argonauts and B.C. Lions and is a member these days of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, has some face-slapping views about the CFL. When asked by the Baltimore Sun this week what the CFL was like, Ayanbadejo said this (brace yourself):

"It was like being paid to play junior-college football. Junior college was fun, but it was definitely not as serious as Division One, and

## watch out for foul balls

• The mother-in-law of White Sox pitcher Javier Vazquez was hit in the head by a foul ball while he was pitching

against the Blue Jays in Chicago this week. She fainted but, we're told, wasn't seriously injured.

the CFL is definitely not nearly as serious as the NFL. You get paid to do it, and you have fun and travel around Canada and learn about other people and other customs, but ..."

Ouch. If you think about it, though, the CFL really is perceived generally as nothing but a stepping stone by U.S. players aiming to make the NFL.

Heck, Winnipeg veteran **Milt Stegall**, who can set the CFL's receiving record with 17 yards during the Bombers' game in Toronto tonight, ended up in Canada only because he failed in NFL tryouts. And even **Don Matthews**, the ornery head coach who returns to the

sidelines with the Argos tonight, is the CFL career leader in wins only because his many applications to the NFL were rejected.

I have some thoughts on Matthews, incidentally, and you can read them and other CFL-oriented notes in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca).

• Two B.C. natives are in the running to be chosen MVP in the AL this season. **Justin Morneau** and **Jason Bay** have been major contributors to the playoff runs for the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox, respectively, and will draw votes from voting baseball reporters.

There is an issue, however, that could prevent Bay

from getting sufficient support. It's the same issue that may hurt the chances of the Los Angeles Dodgers' **Manny Ramirez** and/or the Milwaukee Brewers' **C.C. Sabathia** in the running for NL MVP. All three joined their teams after mid-season, inter-league trades.

"People are talking about not voting for Jason, Manny or C.C. because they came from other leagues, but that's pure nonsense," said ESPN analyst **Rick Sutcliffe**, a former MLB pitcher. "Why should these guys be penalized because they were traded? Forget about that other-league stuff. We have inter-league games now and we should have inter-league MVPs."

• And look for ex-Blue Jays pitcher **Bud Black** to be fired as the San Diego Padres' manager right after the season.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



Toronto Blue Jays' Rod Barajas, right, and Lyle Overbay celebrate scoring on the Chicago White Sox during last night's game. The Jays beat the White Sox 6-4.

## Blue Jays hang on to topple White Sox

## Blue Jays 6 White Sox 4

**MLB** Lyle Overbay and Scott Rolen each drove in two runs, as the Toronto Blue Jays bested the Chicago White Sox, 6-4 last night, in the finale of a four-game set from U.S. Cellular Field. Marco Scutaro finished 3-for-4 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored for the Blue Jays, who have won 11 of their last 12 games.

Shaun Marcum (9-6) gave up two runs on five hits with six strikeouts and one walk over 7½ innings to get the win. B.J. Ryan struck out the side in the ninth to notch his 29th save.

Jim Thome clubbed a two-run homer for Chicago, which has dropped four of its last five contests. Jermaine Dye added a two-run double for the

White Sox, who own a one-game lead over Minnesota for the top spot in the AL Central. The Twins fell to the Royals, 3-2, in 10 innings earlier Thursday.

Gavin Floyd (15-7) allowed four runs on seven hits in 7½ innings to take the loss, snapping his career-best five-game winning streak. He had been unbeaten in nine starts since a July 19 setback to Kansas City.

The Blue Jays broke open the scoreless duel with a six-run surge in the eighth. Travis Snider got things started with a leadoff double and Brad Wilkerson came on as a pinch-runner. After Joe Inglett sacrificed the runner to third, Scutaro lined a single to right to put the visitors on the board.

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## Sports in brief

**NBA** Orlando Magic forward Pat Garrity announced his retirement from the NBA yesterday. Garrity logged 7.3 points and 2.6 rebounds in 20 minutes per game throughout his 10-year career.

**MLB** Baltimore Orioles closer George Sherrill was activated from the 15-day disabled list yesterday. Sherrill, Baltimore's only representative at this year's All Star Game, is 3-5 with a 4.47 earned-run average and 31 saves. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## SCOREBOARD

QM/JHL		REGULAR SEASON		LAST NIGHT'S RESULT		TONIGHT'S GAMES	
Gatineau	3	Victoriaville	1	Halifax	at Cape Breton, 7	St. John's	at Acadie-Bathurst, 7
P.E.I.	at Moncton, 7	Montreal	at Quebec, 8	Lewiston	at Bale-Comeau, 8:30	Drummondville	at Chicoutimi, 8:30
Rimouski	at Rouyn-Noranda, 8:30						
MLB		YESTERDAY'S RESULTS		AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Toronto	6	Chicago White Sox	4	Toronto	at Boston, 8:05	St. Louis	at Pittsburgh, 8:05
Baltimore	6	Cleveland	3	Tampa Bay	at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05	Milwaukee	at Philadelphia, 8:05
Kansas City	3	Minnesota	2 (10 ings)	Kansas City	at Cleveland, 8:05	Atlanta	at N.Y. Mets, 8:10
Texas	at Oakland			Minnesota	at Baltimore, 8:05	Washington	at Florida, 8:10
Seattle	at L.A. Angels			Detroit	at Chicago White Sox, 9:11	L.A. Dodgers	at Colorado, 10:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE		CFL		EAST DIVISION		WEST DIVISION	
Atlanta	8	Colorado	4	Montreal	7	Chicago	4
Houston	6	Pittsburgh	0				
				W	L	T	PTS
				7	3	0	14

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The Halifax Mooseheads are expected to delay naming their 2008-09 captains until next week, following this weekend's season-opening road games against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles and Bathurst Titan. Andrew Bodnarchuk was captain last season, but has graduated to the pro ranks. **METRO HALIFAX**



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# Mooseheads hope to surprise rest of the Q

Team of youngsters looking to make a name for themselves

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**The temperature in Halifax's junior hockey pressure cooker has plummeted from scorching hot to sub-glacial.**

Last year, it was banner or bust. This year, it's basement or boom.

"We'd lose a couple of games last year and we'd start thinking, 'Jeez, we're supposed to be this team that's going all the way,' and we'd get down on ourselves," Mooseheads forward Logan MacMillan recalled. "This year, everybody expects us to go under the radar because we're rebuilding, and that's better for us with all the young guys — not a lot of pressure."

So, after last year's disappointing semifinal playoff exit, who's around to enjoy a comfy joyride in Moose Country? In short, a dozen fresh-faced rookies and 13 players with more than a modicum of QMJHL experi-

**"We like what we see. We have good speed, we've had some nice surprises, and I think we're going to be an exciting team to watch."**

Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell

ence.

Up front, there's MacMillan, a first-round pick of the Anaheim Ducks capable of producing fat point totals. Then there are returnees Tomas Knotek and Yuri Cheremetiev. After that, there are a host of youngsters and a couple of little-known veterans who could make names for themselves.

First-year forwards Gerard Grant, Gabriel Desjardins, Ned O'Brien and Jessyko Bernard and returning 17-year-old Travis Randall are all cornerstones for the future who are capable of contributing in the present, while 19-year-olds Linden Bahm and Eric Louis-Seize also factor into the equation up front.

"We like what we see,"

Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell said. "We have good speed, we've had some nice surprises, and I think we're going to be an exciting team to watch."

The top-four on defence is without question made up of 20-year-olds Justin Pender and Graham Bona, along with 19-year-old Ben MacAskill and 18-year-old Gabriel O'Connor.

"You've got two 20-year-olds on D and they've got to be your best players," Russell said. "They've got to be the guys you depend on in the last minutes of games. We'll lean heavily on those guys and our other two returning guys."

Recently-acquired Scott McDonald, 18, showed excellent poise in the pre-season. With 19-year-old R.D.

Chisholm along for the ride, the kids — Richard Greer, Ryan Matheson and Alex MacDonald — will have to earn their keep.

The Mooseheads are also counting heavily on 20-year-old Mark Yetman to be a rock of stability in goal.

"You build from the net out," Russell said.

The Mooseheads have only missed the playoffs once in franchise history, in 2003-04 when they finished a record-low 17-46-7. To avoid that fate this season, the Mooseheads only need to finish among the top 16 of 18 teams overall.

The players say that's within their grasp.

"Everyone's touting us as not a very good team," Yetman said, "but I think we'll definitely turn some heads."

• The Mooseheads open the QMJHL season tonight at 7 p.m. against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney. For comprehensive Mooseheads coverage, visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at [www.metronews.ca/qfiles](http://www.metronews.ca/qfiles).

## QMJHL teams feature 41 Nova Scotians

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**HOCKEY** There are 41 Nova Scotians on opening-day QMJHL rosters, including a league-leading eight with the Saint John Sea Dogs. The following is a breakdown.

Saint John (8) — F Steven Anthony, Halifax; F Kyle Dilosa, Cheticamp; D Alex Grant, Antigonish; F Stephen MacAulay, Dartmouth; F Michael Kirkpatrick, North Sydney; F Ryan Sparling, Sydney; F Matthew Stoddard, Porters Lake; F Stephen Walker, Mount Uniacke.

Cape Breton (6) — F Chris Culligan, Howie Centre; F Joey Haddad, Sydney; F Murdoch MacLellan, Mabou; F Bret McCarron, Sydney; F Nick MacNeil, Creignish; F Logan Shaw, Glace Bay.

Halifax (5) — D Graham Bona, Spryfield; D R.D. Chisholm, Antigonish; F Gerrard Grant, Aulds Cove; D Ben MacAskill, Waverley;

Lewiston (4) — F Alex Beaton, Lower Sackville; F Marc Bourgeois, Glace Bay; G Peter Delmas, Bedford; G Philip Wright, Halifax.

Moncton (4) — Scott Brannon, Churchville; Matt Brown, Bible Hill; Andrew Roski, Halifax; Zach Sill, Stewiacke.

Montreal (3) — Matthew Brenton, Stewiacke; Matt Fillier, New Glasgow; Colin MacKinnon, Sydney.

P.E.I. (3) — Jordan Burke, Halifax; Ben Duffy, Lower Sackville; Brandon MacLean, Bedford.

Shawinigan (2) — Ashton Bernard, Eskasoni; Michael Roski, Halifax.

Bathurst (1) — F Taylor Lambke, Antigonish. Baie-Comeau (1) — F Kalin Paul, Membertou.

Gatineau (1) — F Bradley MacDonald, Halifax.

Rouyn-Noranda (1) — F Jarrad Struthers, Port-Morin.

Val-d'Or (1) — D Christian Morin, Dartmouth;

Victoriaville (1) — D Alexi Pianosi, Halifax.

None — Chicoutimi, Drummondville, Quebec, Rimouski.

## Yetman ready to be the No. 1 guy

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**HOCKEY** There were times when Mark Yetman was nearly shipped out of town; others when it seemed he'd never get off the bench. Now, the guy who never really figured into the Halifax Mooseheads' plans is the backbone of the team.

Yetman, an over-age goaltender, could see a lot of rubber behind a young defence lacking a true No. 1 guy.

The St. John's, N.L., native went from forgotten man to star virtually overnight in February, seizing the No. 1 duties from Pier-Olivier Pelletier and starting every playoff game.

"It's a lot different than past years, because coming in, I'm not trying to battle for a job," Yetman said. "I got the No. 1 job right away. I'm just going to take it and run with it."

Yetman was Halifax's most consistent player last post-season, finishing with an 8-7 record, one shutout, a 2.61 goals-against average



DAVID HARRIS FOR METRO

Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Mark Yetman went from the trading block to a nearly indispensable member of the team after he emerged as the starting goalie in February last season.

and a .913 save percentage.

The 6-foot-2, 190-pounder said he wants to cut down on his rebounds behind the young defence, and hopes to help groom 17-year-old backup Mathieu Corbeil, a 6-foot-6, 188-pounder who projects as Halifax's goalie of the future.

"I'm hoping they can count on me," Yetman said. "I'm a 20-year-old, and I want to be a leader

on and off the ice."

• Among the dozen Mooseheads rookies to watch this season are hot-shot draft picks Gabriel Desjardins and Jessyko Bernard and little-known free-agent acquisition Ned O'Brien.

Desjardins, a 15-year-old forward who isn't eligible for the NHL draft until 2011, was selected 24th overall and has already made an impression on

**"I'm a 20-year-old, and I want to be a leader on and off the ice."**

Mark Yetman

head coach Cam Russell.

"Desjardins is a throw-back to the old days," Russell said. "He's a hard-working player, he competes whether it's in practice or in games, and he has great work ethic."

Bernard, a 6-foot-2, 199-pounder with soft hands, and O'Brien, a 6-foot, 175-pounder with a scorer's mind and finish, are forwards eligible for next year's NHL draft. The scouting buzz is they could climb in the rankings with good seasons.

• The Mooseheads will be without Logan MacMillan, Tomas Knotek, Ben MacAskill and Richard Greer when they open the QMJHL season tonight at 7 p.m. against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney. MacMillan and Knotek are at NHL camps, while MacAskill and Greer are hurt.



## Meet your 2008-09 Halifax Mooseheads



## Forwards

## 9 Linden Bahm

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
Ottawa.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-11/178.  
LAST SEASON:  
Shawinigan (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
57	9	9	18	33	

## 10 Matthew Snow

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
Halifax.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-10/180.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (Jr. A).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
57	33	22	55	36	

## 11 Logan MacMillan

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
Winsloe, P.E.I.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/205.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
46	15	26	41	77	

## 4 Scott McDonald

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN:  
Waverley.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-11/186.  
LAST SEASON:  
Saint John (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
21	0	1	1	7	

## 5 Ryan Matheson

JUNIOR AGE: 17  
HOMETOWN:  
Gander, N.L.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-0/172.  
LAST SEASON:  
Central (N.L. midget).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
26	12	14	26	42	

## 14 Tomas Knotek

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN:  
Kladno, Czech Rep.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/172.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
69	22	44	66	18	

## 16 Travis Randell

JUNIOR AGE: 17  
HOMETOWN:  
Twillingate, N.L.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-11/200.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
46	2	7	9	2	

## 21 Gabriel Desjardins

JUNIOR AGE: 16  
HOMETOWN:  
Montreal.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-11/191.  
LAST SEASON:  
Montreal (midget).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
44	10	12	22	30	

## 6 Alex MacDonald

JUNIOR AGE: 17  
HOMETOWN:  
Moncton.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-4/183.  
LAST SEASON:  
Moncton (midget).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
35	5	14	19	38	

## 7 Richard Greer

JUNIOR AGE: 17  
HOMETOWN:  
Marshfield, Mass.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-0/168.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
13	0	0	0	0	

## 22 Gerrad Grant

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN:  
Halifax.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-11/168.  
LAST SEASON:  
Dartmouth (midget).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
34	21	28	49	73	

## 23 Jessyko Bernard

JUNIOR AGE: 17  
HOMETOWN: Moncton.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-2/199.  
LAST SEASON:  
Cushing Academy (U.S.).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
STATISTICS NOT AVAILABLE					

## 26 Charles Bety

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN: St-Bernard-de-Beauce, Que.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
5-11/183.  
LAST SEASON:  
Princeville (Que. Jr. A).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
12	2	4	6	18	

## 24 Justin Pender

JUNIOR AGE: 20  
HOMETOWN:  
St. John's, N.L.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-4/218.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
63	4	12	16	60	

## 27 Ben MacAskill

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN: Aulds Cove, Antigonish Co.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/182.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
65	6	14	20	52	

## 29 Alexis Piette

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN:  
Repentigny, Que.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-3/203.  
LAST SEASON:  
Joliette (Que. Jr. A).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
29	4	5	9	22	

## 32 Chad Earle

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
St. John's, N.L.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/193.  
LAST SEASON:  
Summerside (Jr. A).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
54	26	31	57	83	

## 63 Ned O'Brien

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN:  
Summerside, P.E.I.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-0/175.  
LAST SEASON:  
Summerside (Jr. A).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
7	2	1	3	20	

## 44 R.D. Chisholm

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
Antigonish.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/184.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (Jr. A).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
45	2	13	15	61	

## 45 Gabriel O'Connor

JUNIOR AGE: 18  
HOMETOWN:  
Beloeil, Que.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-2/200.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
58	0	3	3	75	

## 89 Yuri Cheremetiev

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
Stoughton, Mass.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/199.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
69	13	16	29	56	

## 97 Eric Louis-Seize

JUNIOR AGE: 19  
HOMETOWN:  
Rosemere, Que.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-1/191.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
55	6	4	10	33	

## 54 Graham Bona

JUNIOR AGE: 20  
HOMETOWN:  
Spryfield.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-3/225.  
LAST SEASON:  
Halifax (QMJHL).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	
62	1	11	12	53	

## Staff

## Bobby Smith

ROLE: Owner.  
YEAR: Sixth.  
HOMETOWN:  
Ottawa.  
BIO: Played 1,077 NHL games ... Won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens in 1993 ... Scored 192 points in a season in his OHL days.



## Marcel Patenaude

ROLE: General manager.  
YEAR: Ninth.  
HOMETOWN:  
Laval, Que.  
BIO: Chief scout of the QMJHL from 1993 to 1997 ... Served as the league's director of hockey operations from 1997 to 2000.



## Cam Russell

ROLE: Head coach.  
YEAR: Third (previously served as assistant coach).  
HOMETOWN:  
Cole Harbour.  
BIO: Played 396 games in the NHL as a defenceman, primarily with the Chicago Blackhawks ... Started his playing career in the Q with Hull.



## 30 Mathieu Corbeil

JUNIOR AGE: 17  
HOMETOWN:  
Montreal.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-6/188.  
LAST SEASON:  
Montreal (midget).



LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS					
Games	Record	Shutouts	GAA	Save%	
27	3-21	1	5.04	.869	

## 31 Mark Yetman

JUNIOR AGE: 20  
HOMETOWN:  
St. John's, N.L.  
MEASUREMENTS:  
6-2/190.  
LAST SEASON:  
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Screen siren Eva Mendes, right, says she took the role of a manipulative, home-wrecking femme fatale in the movie *The Women* because she couldn't pass up an all-female, powerhouse cast, including Meg Ryan, left.

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Coen brothers capable of  
more in *Burn After Reading*.

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# Screen siren

## Eva Mendes makes sexy work in *The Women*

**"If Martin Scorsese called with a great script and a role for me as a femme fatale, I'm going to take it," says Eva Mendes.**

She certainly doesn't shy away from the screen siren roles — such as her breakthrough as Denzel Washington's girlfriend in *Training Days* and the perfume spritzing, manipulative "other woman" in *The Women*, opening today, that often get thrown her way. Oh, and don't forget that sensual Calvin Klein ad campaign, either.

"In life, you get certain opportunities and you make due with what you have," explains the 30-year-old.

"I never just take a role. It's never a frivolous decision, or a decision based on money only. It's always, 'How is this going to improve me as an actress? How is this going to play a

big picture in my career?"

A seasoned supporting cast definitely helps in the decision making process. For Mendes, *The Women* — a recreation of the 1939 comedy about a group of wealthy friends — starring Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Bette Midler and Candice Bergen, was a no-brainer.

"It's such a boys club in Hollywood, you have to take these films when they come up," she says about the all female cast. "The hope for the film is, like *Sex in the City* and *Mamma Mia!*, this forward-thinking chick flick of sorts will help drive more ladies to the theater.

"If studios see that women are flocking to supporting each other and to see each others' movies, they'll start writing better roles for us," says the

**"I never just take a role. It's never a frivolous decision, or a decision based on money only."**

Eva Mendes

Cuban-American, who also hopes this will eventually trickle down to better roles for ethnic women.

"There's never an Indian woman portrayed, and Asian women? Where are the Asian women out there?" she exclaims. "We really need to see some more diversity."

Mendes plans to keep paving the way in that respect, leading with her craft, not always her looks.

"What I feel that I have to offer that no one has tapped into is range," she insists. "I have incredible range because I'm actually a trained actress; I've been studying for nine years.

Because I study my craft I feel very confident that if you put me in a room with any director I will deliver." Mendes pauses, contemplatively. "I'm not given those opportunity as much, but that's part of the process."

It's a really positive attitude to have in an industry that is relentlessly scrutinizing — especially after



Eva Mendes plays the "other woman" in *The Women*.

this trying year, when Mendes checked herself into a rehab facility.

Maybe the self-esteem stems from the support system in her own life. Her personal group of gals — mom, sisters, best friends from junior high — all accompanied her to the premiere of *The Women*. At home, Mendes, along with long-time boyfriend George Augusto, is starting

a décor line called Vida ("Interior design and architecture are my passions").

And while she's dying to exercise that range and stretch her funny bone in a full-out comedy — think: the Cohen brother's slapstick style — next up for Mendes is *The Spirit*.

"I play a major femme fatale in that one," she says mischievously. "But it's so fun. She's a jewel thief."

## The Women like a long sitcom

STEVE VEALE  
for Metro Canada



**REVIEW** First of all, purists be warned. The classic 1939 George Cukor film *The Women*, based on the Broadway play by Claire Luce Booth, was a biting indictment of the social times and starred legendary Hollywood actresses.

This is not that. Annette Bening leads a trendy group of Manhattan friends played by Meg Ryan, Debra Messing and Jada Pinkett Smith.

Yes, four female friends in Manhattan. Sound familiar? The comparisons to *Carrie Bradshaw* and her buddies are far too obvious to ignore.

In fact, in the hands of writer/director Diane English, the movie often seems like an extended episode of *Sex and the City* for the moneyed,

### The Women

**Director:** Diane English

**Stars:** Annette Bening, Meg Ryan, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Cloris Leachman, Eva Mendes, Candice Bergen, Bette Midler

**Classification:** PG

**Rating:** ★★½

menopausal set.

English is the creative genius behind 10 years of TV's *Murphy Brown* — and that's the problem. The movie plays like a TV sitcom.

One-liners replace emotion. A husband's infidelity, which should be emotionally gut wrenching, is played for cheap zingers.

As the wronged wife, Meg Ryan acts like this betrayal is more of an inconvenience to her social plans as opposed to a devastating life crisis. Her subsequent transition to "empowerment" is unconvinc-

ing and occurs with lightning speed.

With the possible exception of a wonderful Cloris Leachman, no one is looking for Oscar gold here.

Although, there is some excellent work by the sexy "home wrecker" Eva Mendes, motor mouth manicurist Deb Mazur, and a very classy Candice Bergen — *Murphy Brown* herself.

The main foursome, however, play this for trashy fun and they are fearless about it.

Unfortunately we care nothing about them; they are shallow and superficial and seemingly untouched by any real emotion.

But to the credit of the actresses, they were just following the script and taking direction from someone making a television sitcom.

Too bad, because there was a good movie in here.

## Kidman tops Hollywood overpaid list

**BOX OFFICE** Nicole Kidman was named the most overpaid celebrity in Hollywood in the second annual list of least bankable stars by U.S. magazine *Forbes*, taking the top slot from fellow Australian Russell Crowe.

Kidman's films were estimated to only earn \$1 for every dollar the Oscar-winning actress was paid compared with \$8 a year ago.

The *Invasion*, a remake of the 1956 classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, even lost \$2.68 for every dollar earned by Kidman who was reportedly paid \$17 million for her role.

"Despite winning an Oscar for her performance in 2002's *The Hours*, Kidman has become the most overpaid celebrity in Hollywood," said *Forbes*, adding that her upcoming movie *Australia* could give her a boost.

Second in the list came Jennifer Garner, whose movies including *The Kingdom* and *Catch and Release* have underperformed at the box office. Her movies were calculated to earn \$3.60 for every \$1 she was paid.

Kidman's ex-husband, Tom Cruise, came third

in the list with a \$4 return for every dollar he was paid, mostly because of the failure of last year's movie *Lions for Lambs*.

For every dollar the star earned the film returned only \$1.88.

*Forbes* said the ranking was compiled by looking at a star's past three movies and dividing their total earnings by the films' gross income to get the actor's payback figure.

Making up the top 10 of overpaid Hollywood celebrities were Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey, Nicolas Cage, Drew Barrymore, Will Ferrell and Kate Blanchett.

The actor whose bankability improved most over the past year was Crowe, who was ranked the most overpaid celebrity last year when Kidman was in second place.

Last year, *Forbes* estimated the movie *Cinderella Man* earned \$5 for every dollar that Crowe was paid.

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## Reel Time

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# Playing with friends

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada

Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, *No Country for Old Men*, the auteur siblings have returned.

In typical Coen style they made a tonal 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller that ruminates on the nature of violence to a fast-paced comedic farce that plays hatchet murders for slapstick comedy.

Given that *No Country* saw the brothers regain the edge and craft of their early thrillers, there was hope that this movie would return them to the comedic heyday of *Raising Arizona* and *The Big Lebowski*.

While *Burn After Reading* is a better comedy than the brothers' recent Hollywood dalliances like *Intolerable Cruelty*, it's still far too inconsistent to match their finest work.

The film stars Brad Pitt



Frances McDormand and George Clooney are lovers in the Coen brothers' *Burn After Reading*.

## Burn After Reading

**Director:** Joel and Ethan Coen  
**Stars:** George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** \*\*\*\*

and Frances McDormand as a pair of dimwitted personal trainers who stumble up-

on a CD filled with the financial records of a former employee of the CIA (John Malkovich).

Convinced that they have sensitive data, the pair attempt to blackmail Malkovich.

George Clooney, who appears as the sex-obsessed lover of both McDormand and Malkovich's wife, finds

himself entangled in the mess.

Ultimately, the movie plays out like a loose collection of funny characters and ideas linked together by a half-hearted plot.

As a simple comedy, it certainly works and will provide plenty of laughs, but the Coen brothers are capable of more.

## Stunt casting can't redeem *Righteous Kill*

### Righteous Kill

**Director:** Jon Avnet  
**Stars:** Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, 50 Cent  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** \*\*

RICK MCGINNIS  
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**REVIEW** The publicity for Jon Avnet's *Righteous Kill* is committed to selling the film around Robert De Niro and Al Pacino sharing the screen, as if such an event were a natural phenomenon somewhere on the order of Halley's Comet.

The fact is that the two men have been in the same film twice before, once in Michael Mann's overrated *Heat*, and the first time a long cinematic epoch ago in *Godfather II* — before either of them had the post-Brando stature they enjoy today, and where they were after all never onscreen together,

being separated by several decades and many flashbacks.

The fact is that if there were a compelling reason to pair Pacino and De Niro like some sort of twitchy, bellowing Martin and Lewis, it would have been done many times by now.

The two men might be able to steal scenes from lesser actors, but together their onscreen chemistry is like diet soda and a candy bar — fine on their own, but together they leave us feeling twice as remorseful.

The plot, a purposefully confusing mess involving vigilante cops and a drug lord played by rapper 50 Cent in what we can only presume was his best chance to get his *Scarface* poster autographed, adds no particular value to any prodigious amount of acting.

No gilded act of stunt casting can turn these shopworn goods into a Gucci bag of method.

## 3-D film offers endearing eye candy

### Fly Me to the Moon

**Director:** Ben Stassen  
**Stars:** Christopher Lloyd, Tim Curry, Nicolette Sheridan, Buzz Aldrin  
**Classification:** G  
**Rating:** \*\*\*\*

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** One small step for man is not exactly a giant leap for the fly world in animated 3-D family film *Fly Me to the Moon*.

Young fly Nat and his friends, brainiac IQ and gluttonous Scooter, feel dispirited in adolescence and are in search of an adventure.

Inspired by Nat's Grandpa McFly's stories of flying across the Atlantic atop Amelia Earhart's shoulder, the friends are encouraged by Nat to find their great adventure.

The flies capitalize on American pressure to send the first astronauts to the moon by finding their way onto spaceflight Apollo 11, determined to join Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin as the first American flies to set foot on the moon. They're not without their barriers, however. Unbeknownst to them, Russian flies have caught wind of their presence on



*Fly Me to the Moon* was designed and produced for 3-D.

board and will do everything in their power to sabotage the mission.

*Fly Me to the Moon* is an endearing story with comic protagonists the audience wants to root for. Visual qualities, including the eye-candied 3-D (the film is the first animated one to be designed and produced for 3-D) are the source of the film's buzz.

The imaginative earthly fly world is well constructed and the '60s are captured in attire and sound throughout. Aside from the visual, however, jokes

are lukewarm at the best of times, rarely drawing many laughs even from the young audience.

While the film presents a bite-sized history lesson for kids, its championed exaction of NASA mission details dilutes the family fun. If it weren't for kids in the audience reaching to stroke the popping 3-D images, *Fly Me to the Moon* would have little enchanting power.

Working from a clichéd script and ailing attempts at laughs, three flies are thankfully saved by on-screen sensation.

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The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca

1. Viva La Vida, Coldplay (frontman Chris Martin, right); 2. Mamma Mia! soundtrack, Various Artists; 3. The Block, New Kids On The Block; 4. All I Intended to Be, Emmylou Harris; 5. All Hope Is Gone, Slipknot. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Music

# Pop star takes country route

Simpson says switch helped her open up

IAN NATHANSON  
for Metro Canada

**Of all of Jessica Simpson's accomplishments to date — pop star, reality TV star, film star philanthropist star, fashion line, perfume and TV beer commercial star — none has made her feel more at home than this week's release of Do You Know, her debut as a country singer.**

"Making this record has been life-changing for me. I finally feel I'm at a place in my life where I can be myself, I don't have anything to be afraid of," the 28-year-old tells Metro.

"To me, the songs seemed just right. All the songs I wrote in Nashville

made it on to the record. I wanted to open up a bit more and share my heart — and the only way to do that was to go back to my roots and do things the southern way. Everything seemed to fit perfectly."

Along with co-writing with some of Nashville's finest songsmiths — including Ontario-bred Victoria Banks, the blond Texan cites her duet with Dolly Parton on the power-ballad title track as a defining high point.

Ironically, Simpson endured one of her most painful moments honouring Parton during a Kennedy Center Honors performance in late 2006. A nervous Simpson took to the stage singing Parton's

classic 9 To 5 — and forgot some of the lyrics — in front of such attendees as Steven Spielberg, U.S. President George W. Bush, Shania Twain and Parton herself. Simpson ran off in tears and begged to re-tape her performance.

"But Dolly came to my defence," Simpson says. "She wrote me a lovely letter, saying not to let the critics make me weep, to not let go of my talent, to stay focused and follow my heart. She's one of the most incredible people I've ever been around in my life."

Simpson is, however, fully aware that her recent foray into country music, like the rest of her life of late, will be under the micro-



Do You Know — Jessica Simpson's debut album as a country singer — was released this week.

scope from the oft-harsh entertainment media.

Despite the popularity of MTV's Newlyweds: Nick And Jessica and multi-platinum success as a pop music performer, Simpson's much-publicized divorce from Nick Lachey, lukewarm-at-best reviews in her

choice of movie roles, and her post-divorce dating life — ranging from Dane Cook, Maroon 5's Adam Levine, John Mayer to her current beau, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo — have given fodder for tabloids and showbiz magazines to run rampant with.

"If I listen to what everyone says or writes about me, I think I would be in a crazy house by now," Simpson remarks pointedly. "I think I've become a stronger person by allowing myself to learn from any negativity that I've experienced in my life."

## Spin me round, like a record

### SoundCheck



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In the early and middle 90s, while it seemed that everyone on the planet was looking to dump their vinyl record collections in favour of CDs because we all bought the line about "perfect sound, forever."

Music stores couldn't phase out their vinyl sections fast enough and fans feared that turntables and styli would go the way of the 8-track. Used record stores were swamped and every garage sale had milk crates full of LPs going for a penny apiece.

Even the radio station I worked at was going digital with our move into a new building. Almost two decades' worth of vinyl was going to be just thrown away. (It's OK, though, because the staff came to the rescue. I literally backed up a Ryder truck and took home about 5,000 pieces. They're safely and lovingly stored in my basement.)

But that was 1995. Despite the industry's best at-



Only 1.3 million records were sold in the U.S. last year, but that represents a 37 per cent increase over 2006.

tempts to kill it off, vinyl did not become extinct. Collectors kept collecting. DJs preferred the tactile feel and action of vinyl on turntables. And manufacturers kept making vinyl records and turntables, including for audiophiles who never believed the hype of CDs in the first place. And while vinyl's share of the market for pre-recorded music dropped to almost zero, it's never become extinct.

Today, strange things are happening in the vinyl market. Manufacturing plants are having a hard time keeping up with orders. Major labels are expanding the number of vinyl releases (Check out

Warner's because sound-matters.com). Vinyl sections are reappearing in both bricks-and-mortar stores and in special sections in places like Amazon. Sales numbers are still small — only 1.3 million records were sold in the U.S. last year — but that represents a 37 per cent increase over 2006.

And it's not older people driving the market — it's the iPod Generation.

The sheer inconvenience of vinyl — its size, cost, poor portability, fragility, rarity, etc. — is being embraced by young fans as a way of showing how much they care about music. Anyone can download an MP3 for free — but to search for, purchase and then consume music through something as ancient and anachronistic as a record on a turntable? Now that's love. That's dedication. That's downright exotic.

The prospects for more vinyl releases are very good. Now if I could only remember where I packed away my turntable ...

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Actor Gary Cole will be swinging by Chuck in the role of secret agent Sarah's father for a single November sweeps episode, a show rep has confirmed. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)

## TV

# New Idol wears crown with pride

Show helped him to overcome his insecurities and shine, Tams says

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada



**T-H-E-O.** His fans root for him by shaking neon coloured Bristol board letters that spell his name in the air.

He's got an astute, confident expression in his face, and each week he impressed a panel of music industry professionals and millions of viewers.

But despite his obvious exterior poise, newly named Canadian Idol Theo Tams admits he is brimming with insecurity.

"From my first audition, when I walked in with pit stains the size of Montana, I think that I had no choice but to really be myself," said the 23-year-old Lethbridge, Alta. student over a celebratory beer after learning he had won the coveted Idol title.

"From that moment, I said to myself, 'I have inse-

**"I had no choice but to really be myself"**

Theo Tams  
New Canadian Idol

curities. I have weaknesses just like anybody else," he said, clutching his pint of Heineken. "But there's no reason why I can't step up and take this."

And step up he did. It was announced live Wednesday night that Tams beat fellow finalist Mitch MacDonald, 22, of Port Hood, N.S. following a musical faceoff Monday.

Tams' transparency about his internal vulnerability comes from the misconception he said people make about those in the entertainment industry being "perfect little people."

"I think it's (insecurities and weaknesses) that keep it real and keep it interesting and keep it relatable. I hope I never lose those



After four million votes were cast on Monday night, Canadians chose Tams as their new Idol.

things."

While growing up, Tams said he struggled with exuding confidence within his family and circle of friends.

On a program like Canadian Idol, where finding

success relies on selling yourself, Tams said he was able to take away a sense of pride knowing he had beat his self-doubt.

"That's the biggest thing I'm proud of, that I was able to be myself for the

whole entire show and people fell in love with that."

While music is a comfort, Theo says it should also be a challenge to step up and be better than you were the day before."

## Armstrong may return to show

**CASTING** Actress Samaira Armstrong has been invited back to the TV show she was dropped from as a regular, after tackling "personal issues" in rehab, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

The former *The O.C.* star will return as privileged rich girl Juliet Darling in episodes of *Dirty Sexy Money* next year, but series creator Craig Wright doesn't think her return to the program will be permanent.

"I want her to stop by when it's fun for her, and then (I'll) send her (character) off on new adventures," he tells TV Guide.

But Wright insists there's no ill feeling between himself and the actress, who checked into a treatment facility after she was dropped from the show in 2007: "We're all on very good terms."

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## In brief

**90210** Shannen Doherty won't be doing any more than the first four episodes of *90210* that she signed on for, reports EW.com.

"They asked me to do a lot more," says Doherty. She adds she is in the "middle of pitching a show," so she couldn't "commit" to more time in the zip code.

On the other hand, Kelly Taylor (Jennie Garth) is so popular she is to appear on five more shows. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Mitch still humble after runner-up finish

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada



**Mitch MacDonald never intended to audition for Canadian Idol.**

But, after months of performing on live television and winning over the nation, and even though he came in second place, the carpenter from Port Hood, N.S., is sure glad he did.

"It was a really spur-of-the-moment thing," said the soft-spoken 22-year-old only minutes after



Canadian Idol runner-up Mitch MacDonald.

learning of his defeat. "I knew (the auditions) were going on, I never really

told anybody and I was just like, 'What the heck? Let's give it a hook.'"

MacDonald was traveling through Europe and the Middle East after teaching children music in Scotland for four and a half months before trying out for the show.

He said he coincidentally landed in Halifax during the same week Canadian Idol was holding their Nova Scotia auditions.

"Because they introduced (contestants' allowance to use) instruments last year, at least I could go up there and play

my guitar. Now, here I am!" he says with a humble grin and but a touch of an east coast burr.

MacDonald beat out more than 10,000 other hopefuls, made the cut to the Top 10 and never appeared in the bottom two or three during any elimination.

"I'm happy I made it this far because it shows Canada enjoys music that's a little bit different — the stuff you don't hear on the radio every day," he said.

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**Baldwin denies road-rage incident**

Actor Alec Baldwin has hit back at reports he caused a car crash in a road-rage incident last weekend. "Alec was cut off and thought their cars hit each other, but they actually didn't," a spokesperson for Baldwin said. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



# What's hot on TV this fall

As the nights get cooler and the leaves start to drop, great prime-time TV is back

## Here's what to watch on television in September.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 13:

#### SNL LAUNCHES 34TH SEASON

With politically minded Saturday Night Live bound to shine this year, the franchise has finally earned the honour NBC bestowed on Deal or No Deal and The Office: overexploitation. Next month, a batch of spinoff Thursday Night Live specials will zero in on the election. Bet on SNL alum Tina Fey returning to mimic her new doppelganger, Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

#### SURVIVOR VERSUS HOLE IN THE WALL

Survivor on CBS will be challenged by the Japanese-inspired Hole, which could benefit from the success of ABC's similar Wipeout.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

#### EMMY AWARDS

A little basic cable network's period drama (Mad Men) might teach the big boys a thing or two about

getting academy attention.

The next day, broadcasters will console themselves when Emmy ratings are about the same as a little basic cable network's period drama. (Oh, and nobody will believe it when Howie Mandel wins for best reality host.)

### MONDAY, SEPT. 22

#### NBC'S HEROES

This sci-fi hour is one of many returning shows whose previous season was derailed by the Hollywood writers strike. Now networks will get a sense of how much those eight months on the shelf really cost. Meanwhile, showrunners will blow their hard-fought new-media earnings on a bag of Skittles.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

#### CBS LAUNCHES WEDNESDAY COMEDY BLOCK

Introducing a new comedy called Worst Week during premiere week is not a good omen for CBS. But the network wants to open a second comedy block

that includes Gary Unmarried, a Jay Mohr vehicle originally called Project Gary.



### THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

#### GREY'S ANATOMY IS BACK

After Katherine Heigl withdrew herself from Emmy consideration because she was not given the material to warrant a nomination,

speculation had it that the show's writers would get revenge on her character, Izzie, in this season's scripts. Showrunner Shonda Rhimes says there's no beef, but if Izzie trips in front of a steamroller, maybe they're miffed after all.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

#### MCCAIN VERSUS OBAMA

The debate, from the

University of Mississippi, will be the first time voters can watch the two presidential candidates spar. Usually such affairs are aired as a wearisome network obligation, but considering that Barack Obama's Democratic nomination acceptance speech drew 38 million viewers, the typically depressed Friday night ratings likely will get their biggest spike

since the Beijing Olympics.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

#### SHOWTIME SHOWS OFF

Showtime is gunning for its main rival, scheduling its returning hits Dexter and Californication up against HBO's new vampire drama True Blood and Entourage. Couldn't the network pick another night of the week besides Sunday? **REUTERS**

## FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime time 9/2/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	The 2008 ALMA Awards Latino artistic achievement (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Stargate SG-1	2020
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	America's Toughest Jobs	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Stargate SG-1		
	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest.	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS	The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS	News (N)
	6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men	Greek (N)	NUMB3RS "Play to Play"	Law & Order	News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Hollywood	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Fox First	
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Billy Graham Special	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	America's Toughest Jobs	Dateline NBC		
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)	WWE SmackDown!			
	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Game On	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)	WWE SmackDown!				
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)	WWE SmackDown!				
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		
	70	70	70	APTN	News	Mixed Blessing	First Nation	Rabbit Fall	The Rez	The Astronaut's Wife (1999, Science Fiction)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	Bravo! Fact	Books-Film	All About My Mother (1999, Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live (N)	Man vs. Wild (N)	Cooper 360	Alcatraz: Hell
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)	Canada's Worst Handyman II	Green Homes	Extreme Home	NCIS	
	34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters		
	46	46	46	HIST	Blow Down	NCIS "Twisted Sister"	Shockwave	To Be Announced	Dazed and Confused *** (1993, Drama)	Arlington Road *** (1999, Suspense)		
	17	17	17	MM	America's Top Pop Group	The Best Years (DVS)	The Guard "Live Free"	Cock'd 'n' Gunns	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams		
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) The Replacements ** (2000)	Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang	The Guard "Live Free"	Cock'd 'n' Gunns	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap "Bess & Cheryl"	End of Leash	ET Canada	Mr. Friday (N)	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	In Laws
	40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	What Not to Wear	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Hush (2005, Suspense)	Tori Spelling
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Mediums	Hush (2005, Suspense)	Tori Spelling
	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Hush (2005, Suspense)	Tori Spelling
	27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star (N)	Aquamarine ** (2006, Comedy-Drama)	Sara Paxton	The Next Star	Falcon Beach			

## SATURDAY

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prime time 9/13/08	31	31	31	ABC	College Football	Patriots All-Access	College Football Ohio State at USC. (HDTV) (Live)	Invisible Machine	Comedy Now			
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Fringe	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.	48 Hours Mystery	Andromeda (Part 2 of 2)	News (N)		
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Antiques	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.	48 Hours Mystery	Andromeda (Part 2 of 2)	News (N)		
	32	32	32	CBS	College Football	Antiques	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.	48 Hours Mystery	Andromeda (Part 2 of 2)	News (N)		
	6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda	Terry (2005, Docudrama)	Shawn Ashmore, Noah Reid.	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)		
	9	9	9	CJCH	Fashion Tele. eTalk	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	Fox First	
	36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball: Braves at Mets	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC	College Football	Chuck (HDTV)	Chuck (HDTV)	Score Update	Horse Racing Canadian Trotting Classic. (Live)	Score Update	CFL Football	
	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Footy Show	BodogFight	Score Update	Horse Racing Canadian Trotting Classic. (Live)	Score Update	CFL Football	
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live).	My Cousin Vinny *** (1992, Comedy)	Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio.	Moccasin Flats: Redemption (2008, Drama)			
	16	16	16	A&E	(6:15) Erin Brockovich *** (2000, Drama)	MYTV	The Mix	Roll Over Beethoven	Symphonic Landscapes Kent Nagano.			
	70	70	70	APTN	Tribal Treks	Bravo! Videos	Bravo! Videos	Roll Over Beethoven	Symphonic Landscapes Kent Nagano.			
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Comics!	Comics!	Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Dane Cook
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	This Week in Politics	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)	Secrets of Egypt's Lost Queen	Flipping Out "The Flip Side"	Flipping Out "The Flip Side"		
	18	18	18	CNN	How It's Made	How It's Made	Collin & Justin's Home Heist	NCIS "Good Vives Club"	Ancestors	Ancestors		
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Collin & Justin's Home Heist	NCIS "Good Vives Club"	Ancestors	Ancestors		
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	7	7	7	ASN	Drama Encore	Heartland (HDTV)	Flood (2007, Drama) Robert Carlyle, Tom Courtenay.	Big Brother 10 (N)	Big Brother 10 (N)	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (HDTV)	Flood (2007, Drama) Robert Carlyle, Tom Courtenay.	Big Brother 10 (N)	Big Brother 10 (N)	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	
	32	32	32	CBS	NFL Football: Patriots at Jets	60 Minutes	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	So You Think You Can Dance Canada (N) (DVS)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	News (N)
	6	6	6	CHIF	renegade	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
	9	9	9	CJCH	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Hitchhiker"	News (N)	NBC News	Football Night in America	The WWE Experience	Football Night in America	Football Night in America	
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	NBC News	Football Night in America	The WWE Experience	Football Night in America	Football Night in America	
	55	55	55	SCOR	(6) NFL Blitz	Score Update	Footy Show	BodogFight	Score Update	Horse Racing Canadian Trotting Classic. (Live)	Score Update	CFL Football
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live).	My Cousin Vinny *** (1992, Comedy)	Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio.	Moccasin Flats: Redemption (2008, Drama)			
	16	16	16	A&E	Crime 360 (HDTV)	MYTV	The Mix	Roll Over Beethoven	Symphonic Landscapes Kent Nagano.			
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The ladies of Seattle Grace. The new season of Grey's Anatomy debuts Sept. 25.

## Automotive

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## Going Out

Reminding  
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forgotten  
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**PREVIEW** This election year there's a lot of talk about issues ranging from Afghanistan to global warming. But you don't hear anything about one issue dealing with the preservation of the earth itself — nuclear disarmament.

Local filmmaker Eric Bednarski aims to change that with his film *The Strangest Dream*, about an international, Nobel prize-winning movement that started in rural Nova Scotia.

"I hope this film will raise awareness of the issue. It's not discussed but it's still with us," said Bednarski.

"The nuclear danger has not gone away. Some people think it went away with the cold war but now there are nine nuclear states. Before there were five. And there's the threat from non-state actors that would like to get their hand on nuclear weapons."

Joseph Rotblat was the only nuclear physicist working on the Manhattan Project to leave on moral grounds.

He helped establish the Puwash Conference on Science and World Affairs — named after its birthplace of Pugwash, Nova Scotia — to halt nuclear proliferation.

*The Strangest Dream* tells the story of Rotblat and the Pugwash conference, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1995.

"It all started here in Nova Scotia. For our local audience I think this film is important but it also has international relevance," said Bednarski.

*The Strangest Dream* on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Park Lane.

## Growing up in a grow op

Melski's quirky coming of age story attracts a star-studded lineup

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**You've just got to get excited about a guy working on films with badass titles like *Suburban Zombie* and *Christmas in 3D*.**

So when you hear local director Michael Melski's newest film is a coming-of-age family story, you know it's going to have a twist.

"The coming-of-age story is as old as the cavemen around the fire. But this particular twist on it is very contemporary and very funny," said Melski.

Melski's film, *Growing Op*, turns the teen rebellion tale on its head. In this film, the parents are pot-growing hippies, while their 18-year-old son looks down on their dealings and wants to leave home.

"My story is really not about drugs at all. It's a story about the power of nature, the lure of first love and the gravitational force of family," said Melski.

It's also a satire of society that managed to draw some big name actors like Rosanna Arquette, Rachel Blanchard, Alberta Wat-



*Growing Op* plays tonight at 7 p.m. at the Oxford cinema.

son and Daniel MacIvor.

"Actors were willing to take a serious look at it for much less than they'd normally get paid because they wanted to do interesting material," said Melski.

"It felt great. It made all

the sleepless nights and all the agonizing over the script worth it."

*Growing Op* plays tonight at 7 p.m. at the Oxford cinema as the AFF's Atlantic Gala movie. But if you don't have tickets already you're going to

have a tough time getting in — it was the first film in the whole festival to sell out.

But luckily *Growing Op* is set for Canada-wide distribution in late November, so you'll have another chance. Melski has also

been in talks with an L.A.-based sales company, so the film could soon be released worldwide.

You can also catch the trailer for Melski's next film — the aforementioned zombie Christmas movie — on YouTube.

Rewriting accepted history for the present in *Passage*

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It's one of the greatest cover-ups in history.

British explorer Sir John Franklin and his crew had set off to find the Northwest Passage to the orient and mysteriously vanished. After six years of searching, John Rae, a Scottish doctor working for the Hudson's Bay Company, found the remains of the crew.

But his findings — particularly the revelation that the crew had resorted to cannibalism — were so shocking that Rae's version was torn down and discred-

ited. With the help of Charles Dickens, the native population became the cannibals in the accepted history.

Now filmmaker John Walker is bringing his acclaimed documentary on the subject, *Passage*, to the Atlantic film festival.

"Everybody had been wondering for six years what had happened to Franklin. And now this Scottish doctor comes back and says they'd all ate each other. This shook the English-speaking world, that English gentlemen would eat other English gentlemen," said Walker.

"This was unacceptable."



*Passage* brings the history of British explorer Sir John Franklin full circle into the present.

This is no ordinary documentary. Walker jumps between the past and the present, showing how tied together they really are.

He goes behind the

scenes of his own film, and in the climax of the movie brings together the great-great-grandson of one of the spearheads of the misinformation campaign, Charles

Dickens, with Inuit statesman and descendant of John Rae's guides, Tagak Curley.

The result is a film that doesn't just tell you a story from the past, it brings it all to the present.

"What you see is that history is a continuum. In our culture history is seen as collecting dust on shelves," said Walker. "In Inuit or any culture that has an oral tradition, history is seen as an unbroken continuum. We are living ancestors, we are connected to history, we are connected to our past."

*Passage* plays at 7 p.m. at Park Lane theatre this Sunday.



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**Bearly's**

Carson Downey Band on Friday and Saturday, Grass Mountain House on Saturday matinee, Echo Hunters and Penny Lange (matinee) and Blue James with Brad Conrad on Sunday, 1269 Barrington St.

**clubs****ARGYLE BAR AND GRILL:**

Jazz night on Wednesday. 1575 Argyle St.

**BAY LANDING:**

The Youngest Daughters on Saturday. 354 Prospect Bay Rd.

**BIG LEAGUES:** Asia and Nu Gruve on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

**BOOMER'S LOUNGE:** Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

**BUBBLES MANSION:** DJ Savory on Friday. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

**CELTIC CORNER:** Jimmie Inch on Friday, Roger Stone and Dave Dobson on Saturday, Floyd King on Sunday. 69 Alderney Dr.

**CHEERS:** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Shaydid on Friday and Saturday, DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1743 Grafton St.

**COACH'S PUB:** DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

**DAVE DOOLITTLES:** Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

**THE DOME:** DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.

**DUTCHIE'S PUB:** Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

**ECONOMY SHOE SHOP:** Steven MacNeil on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

**THE FIFE AND DRUM:** Sons of Maxwell on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

**FINBAR'S:** Rob Currie on Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

**FOGGY GOGGLE:** The Strange Boys on Saturday. 1667 Argyle St.

**GINGER'S TAVERN:** Gypsophilia on Friday, Aquestrya, Asonia and Searching For This on Saturday. 1662 Barrington St.

**GUS' PUB:** DJ Bones on Friday, Legions of Chaos on Saturday, Lazy James Cody and Friends matinee on Sunday, Thrashfest through Sunday. 2605 Agricola St.

**HALIFAX ALEHOUSE:** Kapyr on Friday and Saturday, 1717 Brunswick St.



Bloc Party is playing back-to-back sold-out shows at The Marquee Club on Sunday and Monday nights.

**HARBOURFRONT ROOM:**

Tony Smith matinee on Saturday, Fotrune's hand Friday and Saturday, Casino Nova Scotia.

**THE JOLLY MUG:** Sidekixx on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

**LION'S HEAD TAVERN:** Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

**LOWER DECK:** Paul Lamb and Cory Telford matinee and Pokey on Friday and Saturday, Paul Lamb matinee and McGinty on Saturday, and Signal Hill on Sunday. Historic Properties.

**MARQUEE CLUB:** Wu-Tang Clan's Raekwon on Friday. The Trews and Oxygen Nightclub on Saturday, Bloc Party and

Apostle of Hustle on Sunday and Monday. 2037 Gottingen St.

**MENZ BAR:** DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St. 2182 Gottingen St.

**MY SON'S PLACE:** Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

**NENAGH BAR AND GRILL:** Scott MacNeil on Saturday, 30 Farnham Gate.

**NICHE:** Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

**O'CARROLL'S:** The Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. Reel East on Sunday. 1860 Upper Water St.

**OLD TRIANGLE:** David Stone And The Crew on Friday and Saturday. Tristan and Andrew, and John Ferguson matinee on Saturday. Kevin Roach on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

**OUR FRIEND'S PUB:** Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

**THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB:** DJ Trixx on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.

**PARKSIDE PUB:** Dance DJ on Friday. Mendiva on Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

**THE PAVILLION:** Iron Giant, Orchids Curse, Last Call Chernobyl on Friday, Memories of Phoenix, Last Laugh, En-

vision, Megalodon, Forever Will Fall on Saturday. 5816 Cogswell St.

**PEDDLER'S PUB:** DJ Mathe-matix on Friday. Granville Mall.

**POGUE FADO:** Ten Mile House on Friday and Saturday. 1581 Barrington St.

**PORTER'S LAKE PUB:** Dance Party with Low Rider on Friday. Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

**THE RED STAG:** Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

**REFLECTIONS:** Meat Katie on Friday. Squirt, Saturdaze DJ Headphones on Saturday. 5184 Sackville St.

**RIVERSIDE PUB:** Sam

Moon and Rick Gautreau on Saturday, 1552 Bedford Highway.

**RODEO LOUNGE:** Ryan Cook and New Frontier on Friday, New Frontier on Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

**THE SEAHORSE:** Hey Ocean, Loud Love and Boxer The Horse on Friday, Museum Pieces and Windom Earle on Saturday, Keltic Cowboys on Sunday, Kathleen Edwards and Jim Bryson on Monday. 1659 Argyle St.

**THE SHORE CLUB:** Late Night Lover on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.

**SNAUBAR:** Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday. 1535 Dresden Row.

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Chris Isaak is playing at the Metro Centre on Monday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$66.50.

## clubs

**THE SPLIT CROW:** McGinty on Friday and Saturday. The House Party Guys on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

**STAYNER'S WHARF:** Tony Smith and Soulfinesse on Friday, Ian Sherwood on Saturday, Jeff Goodspeed and Friends on Sunday. 5075 George St.

**TRIBECA:** Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. Chris Martin, and The Troubleshooters on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

**WHISKEY LOUNGE:** Open mid with Louisa and friends on Saturday, 27-29 Portland St.

**WINSTON'S:** Damien The X-Rated Hypnotist on Friday, Lip on Saturday. 278 Lacewood Dr.

## galleries

**ARGYLE FINE ART:** The Road Show, new works by Stephen Rhude. 1869 Upper Water St.

**ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA:** Contemporaries, Tom Forestall paintings, Nova Scotia folk art exhibition, female photography exhibition, Various dates. 1723 Hollis St.

**ART-PORT GALLERY:** Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

**CRAIG GALLERY:** Autumn Gold by the Dartmouth Visual Arts Society. Through Oct. 12. Alderney Landing.

**DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY:** Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.

**FRED GALLERY:** Works by Kevin Lewis and Melissa Marr. Through Saturday. 2606 Agricola St.

**GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE:** Works by various artist. Through sum-

mer. Granville Square.

**HYDROSTONE GALLERY:** Jay Ouellette: Recent Paintings. 5519 Young St.

**MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY:** Anthem: Perspectives on Home and Native Land. Through Oct. 5. 166 Bedford Hwy.

**QUEEN STREET STUDIOS:** Works by various artists. 50 Queen St.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY:** Euan MacDonald: Two Places at Once, curated by Ann MacDonald and Barbara Fischer. Through Oct. 12. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

**SECORD GALLERY:** Recent works by gallery artists. 6301 Quinpool Rd.

**SEEDS GALLERY:** Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.

**STUDIO 21:** Works by Rick Evans, Harold Klunder, Ron Shuebrook and Jennifer Hornyak. Through Oct. 8. 1223 Lower Water St.

**UTILITY GALLERY:** Jared Betts' Cataract Reality. Through Sept. 20. 5224 Blowers St.

**VIEWPOINT GALLERY:** Robert Semeniuk: Among the Inuit. Through Sept. 28. 1272 Barrington St.

**ZWICKER'S GALLERY:** Works by various regional artists. 5415 Doyle St.

## museums

**MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC:** Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Through Sept. 1675 Lower Water St.

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:** Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.

**GRAFTON ST. DINNER THEATRE:** Mairi's Best Friend's Wedding. Through Oct. 5. Call 425-1961 for reservations.  
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**Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: What's hot right now****1 Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III, by Christopher Paolini**

Already a No. 1 bestseller on Amazon.ca even though it doesn't come out until Sept. 20, *Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III* blends fantasy and science fiction in the story of Eragon, who struggles with promises and choices in his hope to rid the land of tyranny.

**2 Smallville: The Complete Seventh Season**

Just released on Tuesday, this six-DVD box set on the Superman series features unaired scenes, commentary by the cast and creator, a Jimmy On Jimmy featurette bringing together Jimmy Olsens past (Jack Larson and Marc McClure) and present (Aaron Ashmore and Sam Huntington), and more.

**3 Michael Phelps**

He can swim, but can he be funny, too? Michael Phelps, who recently won a record-breaking eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, hosts the season premiere of Saturday Night Live tomorrow.

**4 Feminine hair clips**

Clips featuring girly touches like butterflies and tartan buttons will dress up hairstyles through fall and winter, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

**5 Pumpkin**

Expect this great gourd to start popping up just about everywhere: Not just in consumable items — pies, loafs and lattes — but in body lotions, face masks and home fragrance items, like sprays and candles.

**6 Solange Knowles**

Solange Knowles is out to make her own musical mark, without help from her famous older sister Beyoncé, thank you very much. In her second album, *Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams*, she sings, "I'm not her and never will be/Two girls gone in different directions, striving towards the same galaxy/Let my star light shine on its own" in the song *God Given Name*.

**7 The Quilt, by Gym Class Heroes**

*The Quilt*, the fourth studio album by the band Gym Class Heroes has been recently released, but fans who have yet to get their hands on the CD can go to [www.muchmusic.com/music/firstspin/gymclass](http://www.muchmusic.com/music/firstspin/gymclass) heroes/ to hear the disc in its entirety.

**theatre**

**HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE:** Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

**events**

**BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE:** DRUM, Friday through Oct. 12. Visit [www.bellarosearts-centre.com](http://www.bellarosearts-centre.com).

**BISHOP'S LANDING:** Free concert series continues Sunday with Sons Big Fish. Bishop's Landing, waterfront side. 2 p.m.

**DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE:** Live Art Dance presents Martin Belanger: *La Grande Theorie Unifiee* on Sept. 18 to 20, Sir James Dunn Theatre, 6101 University Ave.

**HALIFAX METRO CENTRE:** Chris Isaak with Lennie Gallant on Monday. \$66.50. Call 451-1221.

**PUBLIC GARDENS:** Summer concert series on Sunday, 1 p.m., South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd.

**YUK YUK'S:** Jay Brown, Friday and Saturday, West in Nova Scotia, Hollis St.

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Singer-songwriter Kathleen Edwards will be performing at the The Seahorse on Monday at 8 p.m.

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Supermodel Naomi Campbell has reportedly filmed a promo video to raise awareness of a London drop-in centre for the homeless where she is carrying out community service. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

## Celebrity Buzz

# Dunst 'learns a lot' in rehab

**PEOPLE** Kirsten Dunst says she's "learned a lot" after checking into rehab earlier this year for depression and is now in a different place in her life," [People.com](http://People.com) reports.

"Everyone goes through a hard time in their life," Dunst says in the October issue of Harper's Bazaar. "They just don't have to do it in front of tons of people and with our media the way it is. I did, and I'm lucky that I had the resources and the money to take care of myself. Now, I'm great."

Though she hesitates to go into details about her stint at Cirque Lodge, a rehabilitation center in Utah, Dunst says prior to going to rehab she was "enormously co-dependent."

"I wasn't taking care of myself emotionally. I wasn't expressing my anger," she says. "I was making nice all the time."

She even got words of wisdom from an old friend — actor Tom Cruise. The actress keeps a plastic-framed copy of L. Ron Hubbard's Scientology Code of Honor in her home,

which was recently given to her as a gift from her former Interview with the Vampire costar.

The 26-year old is not a Scientologist but appreciates the advice; something she can use as she develops her own projects.

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## McLachlan, hubby split

**RELATIONSHIPS** Sarah McLachlan is separating from her husband, Ashwin Sood, the singer tells [Billboard.com](http://Billboard.com).

"I haven't said anything about it because I've been terrified," she said. "But I figure ... there's no good time to say it, so I just said it."

McLachlan and Sood (the drummer in her band) have been married for 11 years and have two daughters, India Ann Sushil, 6, and Taja Summer, 14 months.

The Vancouver-based singer described the split as "pretty gross," but did not elaborate on the causes, [People.com](http://People.com) reports.

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## Ellen upset celeb pals

**PEOPLE** Newlyweds Portia De Rossi and Ellen DeGeneres upset a host of celebrity pals by uninviting them to their summer nuptials, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

DeGeneres has revealed the couple had originally planned to turn their big day into a star-studded affair, but the pair scaled back when word leaked about the ceremony.

The comedienne instructed wedding planner Mindy Weiss to alert

friends the wedding would no longer be a big bash, and the couple instead wed at their home, surrounded only by family and close friends.

"We had 150, 200 people originally, we were gonna do a huge wedding and then at the last minute, we called her (Weiss) and said, 'Please call and uninvite everybody because we just can't do it; it's too stressful,'" DeGeneres says.

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## Mariah opposes tell-all

**PEOPLE** Mariah Carey wants to quash parts of an explosive tell-all being penned by her former record producer Damion "Damizza" Young, who says he'll bare details of the "intense four-year personal relationship" they shared and "worked diligently to disguise from the world's press," [PageSix.com](http://PageSix.com) reports.

Young says the singer's lawyer

Sonya Guardo, who works with powerhouse celebrity attorney Allen Grubman, fired off a letter reminding him of a confidentiality agreement to steer clear of blabbing any sensitive information about Carey in his upcoming book, *Guilty by Association*. Guardo didn't get back to [PageSix.com](http://PageSix.com).

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## celebrity brief

### Oprah tops list of generous celebs

**CHARITY** Oprah Winfrey tops a list of the 30 most generous celebrities, compiled by The Giving Back Fund and published in the Sept. 14 issue of *Parade*, [us-magazine.com](http://us-magazine.com) reports. The 54-year-old talk show host and

media mogul gave out \$50.2 million US last year to causes including her foundation and Oprah's Angel Network.

Power couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie ranked sixth, with donations of \$8.4 million in 2007.

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## celebrity briefs

### Berry's ex Benet denies addiction

**CONTROVERSY** Eric Benet insists the sex addiction that ended his marriage to Halle Berry was all made up, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

Benet admits he agreed to seek counselling for a problem he never had in a desperate bid to save his marriage to the actress.

"Going to that therapy, for me, was an attempt to save my marriage," he says. "If you've been unfaithful in a relationship, or your marriage, you're considered a sex addict now. I never really agreed with that philosophy."

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### Keira sick of body criticism

**PEOPLE** Actress Keira Knightley has joked she wants to get pregnant so people won't think she is anorexic, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

Knightley, 23, who is often criticized for her slim figure, says she believes she would get a break from her detractors if she had a baby.

"That's a good reason to have a kid. They won't say I'm anorexic any more. S\*\*t, I've got to have a child," she says.

The actress also claims the constant questions about her weight are "not appropriate."

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

It's been a bad couple of months for the marriages of Canadian singers.

First **Shania Twain's** marriage goes kaput, and now **Sarah McLachlan** is fumbling towards Splitsville with her drummer husband, **Ashwin Sood**. If I'm a marriage counsellor, I'm on the phone with **Celine Dion** right now! Now, Sarah and Ashwin were married for 11 years, which translates to 10 and three quarters Canadian, but I have to question why anyone would want to be married to a band mate in the first place.

The Beatles knew better, and I believe that this is one of the main reasons why **Paul McCartney** never shackled up with **Ringo Starr**.

Another question this raises is, "Why a drummer?" Has Sarah never seen *This Is Spinal Tap* before? It's a well-known fact that when drummers aren't choking on their own or other people's vomit, their heads are spontaneously combusting or exploding. On second thought, maybe in her present state of mind, Sarah wishes that would happen to him.

Sarah has described the split as "pretty gross," and I know what she means. There are few things more off-putting than a vegan chewing with his mouth open. In Ashwin's defense, he's probably had just about enough of watching her sing with her eyes closed.

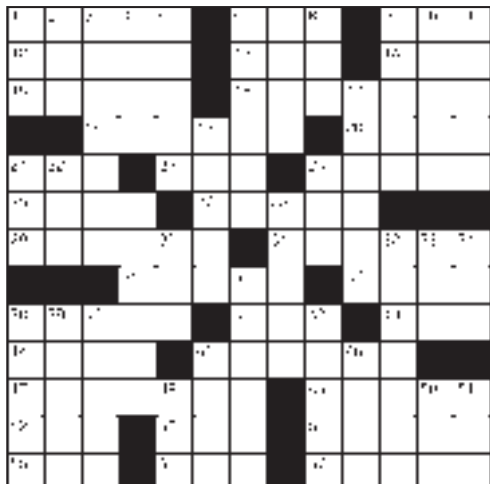
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**Minogue's private performance in Dubai**

Kylie Minogue is to be paid \$1.7 million US for a private performance in Dubai. The singer has been asked to sing during a lavish four-day launch party to celebrate the opening of the Atlantis, The Palm resort. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

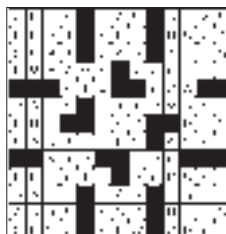
**Take Five****Crossword down**

- 1 Possessed
- 2 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 3 Politician George
- 4 Prop for Ben Franklin
- 5 Feature of italics
- 6 Third-party collateral
- 7 Liver secretion
- 8 Chum
- 9 Bird skilled in mimicry
- 10 Grievance
- 11 More festive
- 17 Turn to bone
- 19 Refuges
- 21 Sprite
- 22 Links standard
- 24 Actress Thurman
- 26 Henson amphibian
- 28 Dogpatch lad
- 30 Speed
- 32 Prizefighter George
- 33 Robitaille of hockey
- 34 Historic period
- 36 Valencia, e.g.
- 38 Use fingerpains
- 39 Miss USA adornment
- 40 Beginning
- 42 Deadly
- 45 Enthusiastic
- 46 Billion (Pref.)
- 48 Mal de —
- 50 List-ending abbr.
- 51 Sandra or Ruby

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**Crossword across**

- 1 Atlanta NBA team
- 6 "Chicago" lyricist
- 9 Gas stat
- 12 Use
- 13 Round Table address
- 14 Verily
- 15 Mississippi area
- 16 Screen star George, nicknamed "Bad Moon"
- 18 Girl named in "The Raven"
- 20 Rescue
- 21 Eco-friendly org.
- 23 Confucian principle
- 24 Leading man?
- 25 Deficiency
- 27 Mentor
- 29 Put on ice
- 31 Confound
- 35 Ex-NFLer Andre, nicknamed "Bad Moon"
- 37 Part of MYOB
- 38 Tread upon forcefully
- 41 Ump
- 43 Nipper's co.

**previous day's answer****Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Your friendliness will attract an impractical person. Don't let anyone interfere with a ridiculous plan. Doubts about challenges will create turmoil.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Revealing too much may ruin your chances. Don't forget a crucial step in a project. This would be a good time to make amends.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Friendship leads to transportation problems. Don't waste too much time on a silly errand. Be realistic about your blissful pre-occupation.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Your ability to read people is enhanced. A sudden temper tantrum will be obnoxious. An amazing action causes a secret rendezvous.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

Don't be aloof when a friend says something critical. A discussion will be avoided due to a sports event. It's important to be the solution to a problem.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A needy person is reaching out after a break-up. A discussion will cause a big stink. An over-reaction will create a tense situation.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

A conclusion will come as a power struggle ends. Avoid involvement in a dependent relationship. The honesty of your friends will reassure you.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Rudeness will get a reaction. There'll be a happy ending to an exasperating meeting. A suspicious pattern begins to emerge.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

Your openness beats down the barricades of distrust. Focus on a sense of order. A melodrama is caused by someone trying to pull a fast one.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

Someone loves your personal demeanor. A confident manner can put you into a leadership role. Don't assume that you know everything.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

A pleasant comment will lighten your mood. Someone will tell you who caused a predicament. Love grows after a discovery is made.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MAR 20**

Someone in charge will have a broken heart. Your attraction will be an important and potent force. Information will be skillfully exchanged.

**Sudoku**

	8		3	2	4		7	
2								9
	7					5		
8	4		5		2		1	6
				4				
7	1		9		3		2	8
		1				8		
9								4
	7		2	8	9		3	

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

**previous day's answer**

4	5	2	7	6	8	1	3	9
9	3	6	1	4	5	2	7	8
1	7	8	2	3	9	5	6	4
5	8	4	3	1	2	6	9	7
2	6	7	8	9	4	3	1	5
3	1	9	6	5	7	8	4	2
7	2	3	4	8	1	9	5	6
8	9	1	5	7	6	4	2	3
6	4	5	9	2	3	7	8	1

**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min. .... Genius

13-17 min. .... Scholar  
17-21 min. .... Smart21-25 min. .... Not bad  
25+ min. .... Keep practisingToday's answer and play  
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**Want to be part of the red carpet crowd?**

Let Metro be your guide to this year's Atlantic Film Festival. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) and click on **Film Beat** for insider tips on what to see and where to be at the biggest film fest east of Montreal.

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**Halifax weather****Afternoon**Partly cloudy.  
19°**Tonight**Partly clear.  
11°**Saturday**Partly cloudy.  
19° / 13°**Sunday**Mainly sunny.  
19° / 15°Rain.  
21° / 15°Temperature  
Normals  
High: 19.3°  
Low: 11°Records  
High: 28.9°/1961  
Low: 4.4°/1967Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.  
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Moonset: 3:30 a.m.  
Moonrise: 6:16 p.m.

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